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Questions remain about deputy suicides

By K.C. MEADOWS and BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Two deputies who were among four who had worked together in Covelo killed themselves less than a year apart and there are a lot of questions being asked about why.

The Daily Journal has learned that there may have been an outside investigation into activities in Covelo during the years they served together that would shed light on this mystery and a report was given to the Mendocino County Counsel's office and has not been made public. County Counsel Jeanine Nadel said Saturday she could neither confirm nor deny that the report exists.

County officials consistently decline to speculate on why these two men killed themselves, citing personnel privacy rules. But that has not stopped the talk about whether something was wrong in Covelo, and tongues were wagging even before the first suicide.

Brett White killed himself in

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Sex offenders at Lake Co. motel; state paying tab

New policy still allows some sex offender housing payments

By K.C. MEADOWS
The Daily Journal

The State Department of Corrections has placed more paroled sex offenders in area motels, this time in Lake County.

There are five sex offenders from outside of Lake County, currently living at the Lake Marina Inn in Clearlake Oaks on the state's tab.

Posted online at 7:18 p.m. Saturday

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According to DoC spokesman Bill Sessa, the state no longer pays to house paroled sex offenders released to their home counties, as it did when The Daily Journal reported six paroled sex offenders living at the local Ramada Inn last year at a taxpayer cost of more than $2,300 a month each.

Because these motels are considered temporary housing, these sex offenders do not show up on public lists of addresses where sex offenders reside.

Sessa said the new policy is that the state only pays the housing costs now for paroled sex offenders who can't return to their home counties because the victims of their crimes have asked to have them placed elsewhere.

Under California law, parolees are released back to their home counties, including sex offenders. However, the law allows that victims of sex crimes can ask that the sex offender be placed at least 35 miles from the victim's own home. That often means placing offenders in neighboring counties, or farther.

That is the case of the five sex offenders in the Lake County motel, Sessa said. He did not know what the particular sex offenses of the five parolees were, but acknowledged that they were serious, based on the high level of parole supervision they were under, including global positioning equipment and regular parole officer contact.

"This is a protection for victims that works both ways," Sessa said. "It turns out that in the last 18 months there have been eight parolees from Lake County and nine from Mendocino County that have been released to (other) counties out of the same con-

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SERVICES FOR RETURNING VETERANS DISCUSSED



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Vietnam veteran David Arnett reads a letter written by fellow veteran John Soltz during Friday's meeting of the Mendocino County Public Health Advisory Board. In it, Soltz warns of an increasing number of homeless veterans due to post traumatic stress disorder.

Military service in war taking toll

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Some of the veterans returning from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq are bringing back with them both physical and emotional scars, raising the question of what local agencies will do to get servicemen and women the help they need.

On Friday, the Mendocino County Public Health Advisory Board heard from representatives from veterans services agencies on what services are available in Mendocino County.

David Arnett, a member of Veterans for Peace and a Vietnam veteran, said he was proud to see Public Health taking steps to prepare to help returning veterans with the problems they will face, especially since a significant number of veterans become homeless after returning to civilian life.

"Mendocino County is listening," he said.

Michael Quakenbush, a social worker with the Mendocino Veteran Services Office, said every veteran is entitled to both

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SATURDAY NIGHT



MacLeod Pappidas/ The Daily Journal

Miss Mendocino County 2007 Liberty Egloff performs a routine with some of the 2008 hopefuls at Ukiah High School during the opening of the scholarship program Saturday night. Seven county women are competing for the title of Miss Mendocino County 2008. In addition, about a dozen other contestants are vying for the open titles of Miss North Coast and Miss Northern Counties. For a complete report on the evening's festivities, see Monday's edition of The Ukiah Daily Journal.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mendocino County Veterans Service Office

• Volunteers are needed to serve as volunteer drivers, driving veterans from Ukiah to the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco. A regular California driver's license is required. For more information, call 463-4226 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Lake Mendocino Army Corps of Engineers

• Volunteers needed for outdoor work at Lake Mendocino; indoor work is also available, in the offices and interpretive centers. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Laura Smith at 467-4232.

Ukiah Senior Center

• Volunteers to help with their Thrift Store -- some lifting, sorting and pickups.

• Volunteers who can fill in for dishwashers, set up and take down tables and chairs.

•Any volunteer who may have experience in local soliciting and fund-raising for special events. Contact volunteer coordinator Carmen Lucchesi at 462-5933 or the center at 462-4343.

Mendocino County Releaf

• Tree planting in the Ukiah area during the months of January and February. For more information, contact Miles Gordon at 462-0244.

Redwood Valley Rancheria

• Provide financial literacy classes. For more information, contact Hai-Lee Sun at 458-0361.

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The world briefly

Bush says no decision yet on deepening drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — President Bush said Saturday he is open to the possibility of slowing or stopping plans to bring home more U.S. troops from Iraq, defying domestic demands to speed the withdrawals. Updated on war developments, Bush said the U.S. presence in Iraq will outlast his presidency. Bush said any decision about troop levels "needs to be based upon success," but that there was no discussion about specific numbers when he was briefed by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Baghdad.

The president was cheered by news that Iraq's parliament had approved legislation reinstating thousands of former supporters of Saddam Hussein's dissolved Baath party to government jobs. Bush had prodded Iraqi leaders for more than a year to enact the law. "It's an important step toward reconciliation," Bush said as he opened talks with Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa. "It's an important sign that the leaders of that country understand that they must work together to meet the aspirations of the Iraqi people."

The first U.S. president to visit Bahrain received a splashy welcome. Sword-waving men in flowing robes and headdresses swayed and danced to rhythmic music in a palace courtyard. The president and the king were presented with swords and flashed them skyward.

Family of pregnant Marine questions handling of case; her remains recovered

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — For months after a pregnant 20-year-old Marine accused a colleague of rape, her family says, she continued to work alongside her attacker and endured harassment at Camp Lejeune. In the weeks after she disappeared, they believe, the sheriff's department was slow to act.

As authorities recovered Maria Lauterbach's remains Saturday from a fire pit where they suspect Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean burned and buried her body, her family asked why authorities didn't treat her case with greater urgency.

Naval investigators on Saturday said the pair had been separated on the job, a rape case was progressing and Laurean was under a protective order to stay away from Lauterbach. And Onslow County Sheriff Ed Brown insisted his department acted as best they could on the facts available.

"As soon as it went suspicious, we contacted the media and asked for help," Brown said. "The case did not produce enough evidence, other than she was just missing."

On Saturday, her burnt remains, and those of her unborn child, were excavated from Laurean's backyard.

Iraqi lawmakers agree to bill reinstating ex-supporters of Saddam's Baath party

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament passed a benchmark law Saturday allowing lower-ranking former members of Saddam Hussein's Baath party to reclaim government jobs, the first major piece of U.S.-backed legislation it has adopted.

Traveling in Manama, Bahrain, President Bush hailed the law as "an important step toward reconciliation."

"It's an important sign that the leaders of that country understand that they must work together to meet the aspirations of the Iraqi people," he said.

The seismic piece of legislation had been demanded by the United States since November 2006 and represented the first legislative payoff for Bush's decision to deploy 30,000 additional troops to the country to quell violence.

In announcing the troop buildup more than a year ago, Bush said it would provide the Iraqi government "breathing space" to begin tackling legislation designed to reconcile Iraq's Shiite and Sunni Arabs as well as Kurds.

With contests in Iowa and NH settled, minority voting power takes center stage

(AP) – With nomination contests in lily-white Iowa and New Hampshire settled, minority voting power now moves into the spotlight. Historical realities suggest that blacks and Hispanics won't play much of a role in determining the Republican Party presidential nominee. But this year's Democratic primary and caucus schedule was designed specifically to give increased influence to minorities, particularly Latinos.

Voters in both groups are energized: Blacks by the early successes of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, Latinos by the intense, sometimes xenophobic debate over immigration. But it's far from clear how those influences will play off each other.

Nevada's caucuses on Jan. 19 will give an early showcase of Hispanic voting. However, observers say the true impact of Latino influence might not be felt until the general election, notably in Western states like Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada — places where George Bush's margin of victory in 2004 was razor-thin. When South Carolina Democrats hold their primary on Jan. 26 — the state GOP contest is Jan. 19 — the choices of substantial numbers of black voters will be tallied for the first time in this election.

GOP candidates barnstorm Michigan before make-or-break Tuesday primary

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) — Mitt Romney and John McCain argued about their concern for the auto industry, while Mike Huckabee spotlighted his opposition to abortion, as the Republican presidential contenders campaigned Saturday before Michigan's potentially make-or-break primary.

Romney, seeking a rebound in Tuesday's primary after losing to Huckabee in the Iowa caucuses and McCain in the New Hampshire primary, made an impromptu stop at a General Motors plant near here after 200 layoffs were announced last week. He pledged to make restoring the domestic auto industry — once the linchpin of Michigan's economy — a top priority if elected president. "In some respects, Michigan is like the canary in the mine shaft: What Michigan is experiencing, the whole nation will experience unless we fix what's happening in Michigan and learn lessons here we can apply across the nation," he said in Traverse City amid a fly-around of the state.

Romney's criticism of Washington was a none-too-subtle shot at McCain, an Arizona senator who has said that some of Michigan's lost jobs are gone forever. A Detroit News poll being released Sunday showed the race a statistical dead heat, with McCain at 27 percent and Romney at 26 percent. Huckabee was third with 19 percent.

Repairs to Blackwater convoy vehicles could complicate shooting inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blackwater Worldwide repaired and repainted its trucks immediately after a deadly September shooting in Baghdad, making it difficult to determine whether enemy gunfire provoked the attack, according to people familiar with the government's investigation of the incident.

Damage to the vehicles in the convoy has been held up by Blackwater as proof that its security guards were defending themselves against an insurgent ambush when they fired into a busy intersection, leaving 17 Iraqi civilians dead.

U.S. military investigators initially found "no enemy activity involved" and the Iraqi government concluded the shootings were unprovoked.

Sale of securities with riskier-than-subprime loans investigated

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Authorities in New York and Connecticut are investigating whether Wall Street banks hid crucial information about high-risk loans bundled into securities that were sold to investors, Connecticut's Attorney General said Saturday.

The investigations, first reported Saturday by The New York Times, center around "no-doc" or "exception" loans, that did not even meet subprime standards, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said.

"The loans were made to people who did not have any documents to verify their income or other verification for key requirements normally applied to mortgage borrowers," he said. "Many of the lenders made large amounts of loans, so that the exception swallowed the rule, or became the rule."

The loans were sold by subprime lenders to Wall Street firms that bundled them with other, less risky, loans into securities.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Cheryl Ann Scoggins, 48, hometown not listed, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 600 block of South State Street at 1:51 p.m. Friday. Scoggins was released after being cited.

ARREST -- Valarie Oswald, 42, hometown not listed, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 100 block of West Mill Street at 9:56 p.m. Friday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

CITY REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the city of Ukiah:

UTILITY WORK -- The city of Ukiah will be performing utility work on Henry Street between Pine Street and Oak Street Monday.

Crews will be working between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Pine Street will be closed for the duration. Detour routes around the construction area will be available.

CORRECTIONS

In Friday's Page 1 article "Psychiatrist finds boy competent to stand trial," Albert Castl should have been identified as a psychologist.

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

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Screenwriters discuss what to cut, what to keep in turning books into movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Benioff was sitting on a plane, having a perfectly pleasant conversation with an elderly passenger about his job as a screenwriter, when he mentioned that he was working on an adaptation of "The Kite Runner."

"She grabbed my arm and said, 'That's my favorite novel. Don't change a word!'"

Based on the international best-seller about a man who returns to Afghanistan to right a childhood wrong, "The Kite Runner" is one of an inordinately large number of films in this year's awards race that come from books.

Screenwriters like Benioff are acutely aware of the inevitable comparisons between book and movie, and face the daunting challenge of telling a cinematic story that will resonate with audiences while remaining somewhat true to the source material.

Sure, every year there are several book-club favorites that turn up at the multiplex. Perusing the list of Academy Award best-picture winners can feel like a trip to Barnes & Noble, from "Gone With the Wind" and "The Godfather" to "The Silence of the Lambs" and "The English Patient."

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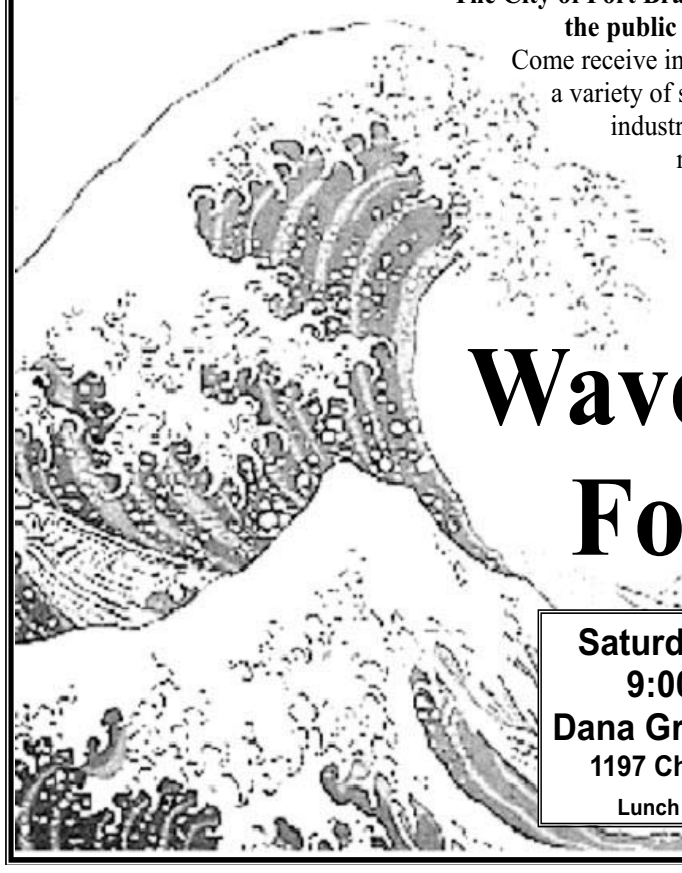
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Wave Energy Forum
Saturday, January 19, 2008
9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
Dana Gray Elementary School
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Lunch will be provided at no charge



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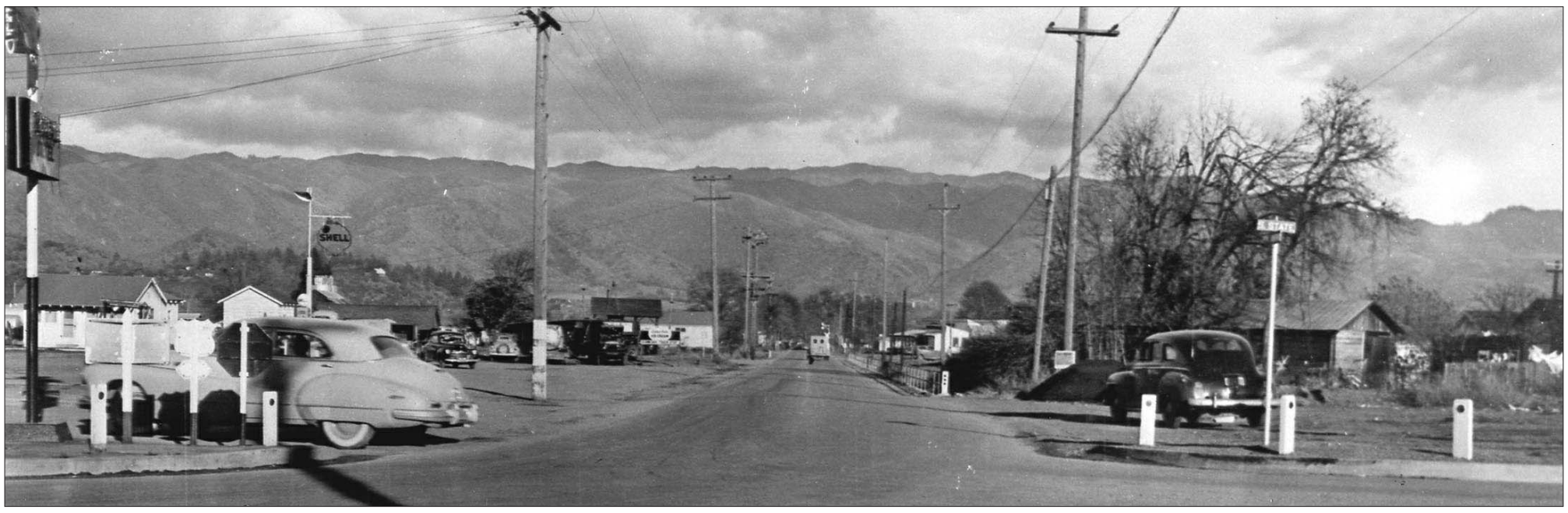
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CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PHOTOGRAPH?

If you can identify this photo (or would just like to guess) please write down what you think is pictured, specifically the location, and anything else you may know about the photo.

Include your name and a phone number where you can be reached if you win, and submit the information to us by 5 p.m. Jan. 22. Send it to: Elusive Images Photo Contest, Attn. Jody Martinez, Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482; fax to 468-3544; e-mail to udjjm@pacific.net or drop it off at our office at 590 S. School St.

All correct submissions will be entered into a drawing for a free copy of "Reflections: A Pictorial History of Inland Mendocino County, Volume II." Held-Poage researcher Ed Bold, who came up with the idea for the contest and chooses many of the photos, will draw the winning entry.

The contest is not open to employees of The Daily Journal, Held-Poage volunteers or those who provided the photo for the contest, but everyone else is encouraged to enter.

TV program investigates coin possibly shot by Annie Oakley

Associated Press

CODY, Wyo. — A television crew was in Cody recently to investigate whether an 1853 French Napoleon coin may have been shot by Annie Oakley.

The coin belongs to Meadow Merrill, a freelance writer from Bath, Maine, and belonged to one of her great uncles who played in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Band.

Merrill traveled to Cody with the crew of the PBS show "History Detectives" earlier this month to determine if her family legend that Oakley shot the coin was true.

"I'm a writer," Merrill said after filming a segment for the show. "I love stories and wanted to find out if mine was true, and that's where 'History Detectives' came in."

Merrill's family traveled to Cody before, when she was 10 years old, to research the coin but officials then at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center weren't able to confirm the story, she said.

After watching an episode of the PBS program last year, Merrill sent an e-mail through the show's Web site asking if they could help her confirm her family story.

She was contacted by the show's producers in September and told her coin would be the subject of an episode. "It's been a fascinating whirlwind," she said.

While the producers of the PBS show revealed the truth behind the coin to Merrill for the show, she said she has been "sworn to secrecy" to keep from spoiling the episode.

The new season of "History Detectives," including the episode filmed in Cody, is scheduled to start airing this summer.

The story provided an opportunity for "History Detectives" to tell the story of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and Annie Oakley, program host Elyse Luray said.

"Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley were two of America's first celebrities," she said. "This lets us tell their story."

While telling a compelling story from history is an important a part of "History Detectives," its focus is to teach people to research family stories on their own.

"The Internet only gets you so far," Luray said. "You need to look at primary sources like microfilm and archives that you can't find online."

It was that need for materials not available online that brought the show to Cody and the historical center.

"People who don't come here don't realize how important the BBHC is," Luray said. "It really is one of the best museums in the country."

In addition to the resources at the center, the crew also spoke with Northwest College music professor Mike Masterson, who has researched Buffalo Bill's Wild West Band and re-recorded much of the music the band performed.

25 years ago

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1983
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BOARD ORDERS CONTROVERSIAL BUILDING LAW DROPPED FROM BOOKS. Violations of county building codes should no longer be considered criminal infractions, county supervisors decided following a state appellate court ruling on petitions filed against the ordinance.

The board ordered County Counsel John Drummond Tuesday to drop the ordinance from the books rather than put the matter to a county-wide referendum.

The First District Court of Appeals ordered one of either courses of action in a decision issued Jan. 4.

The appellate ruling closes a stormy chapter in the history of the county's building code wars, but has little bearing on present enforcement practices, as the county's Land Use Law Enforcement Unit (LULU) relies primarily on misdemeanor procedures.

Supervisors first passed the infraction ordinance at the request of former Building Inspection Chief Roland Fellman, who felt he had no clout with the owner-builders he regulated. "He needed a procedure he could get into court," one county official recalled.

Despite stiff opposition, Fellman prevailed and the board passed the law in 1980.

The decision was challenged almost immediately, with owner-builders and their allies gathering 2,600 signatures demanding that the matter be put to referendum on the Nov. 1980 ballot.

Supervisors ignored the petitions, however, and let the ordinance stand. Meanwhile, boardmembers agreed to an out-of-court settlement with the Committee for Sane and Equal Enforcement of our Land Use Laws (SANE).

The settlement set new enforcement policy by establishing LULU and requiring that it be funded with at least $100,000 a year. Fellman's criminal prosecution plan fell by the wayside.

But opponents continued to work against the ordinance. A challenge in Superior Court failed, and the decision was appealed. The final ruling reversed the lower court decision, and required that the ordinance either be dropped or put to the voters.

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SHORT STOP ROBBED. Ukiah police are investigating the armed robbery of the Short Stop South store on Washington Avenue last night.

Police say that two suspects with nylon stockings covering their faces entered the store at about 7:40 p.m. armed with a rifle. The suspects then made off with an undisclosed amount of cash from the store's cash drawer, according to police.

No arrests have yet been made.

50 years ago

Monday, Jan. 13, 1958
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ROAD SLIDES ON HEELS OF HEAVY RAINS.

THIS WAS NEWS



JODY MARTINEZ

Prospects were for more rain in Ukiah and northward tonight with the unofficial Ukiah rainfall total already standing at 21.02 inches so far this season – and the Covelo road from Longvale through Dos Rios subject to hourly closing due to high slides which pour down boulders the size of car wheels at intermittent intervals.

A crew of 6 to 15 men worked over the weekend to halt traffic at times when the huge rocks came tumbling down, bounding on the roadbed and continuing down the canyon into the creek and riverbeds. The road has been kept open much of the time, except for short periods when traffic is flagged down when the rocks come roaring down. After a slide, road crews under J. H. Purdy of the county road department clear off the rocks still on the battered highway and traffic is resumed until such time as the upper mountain slides again.

No slide has completely blocked the road as yet, the debris from minor slides being pushed off the road by bulldozers.

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POTTER VALLEY VICTOR OVER LEGGETT VALLEY. Two Mikes and Eddie between them powered Potter Valley to an opening league victory over Leggett Valley, 66-35, Friday night at Leggett, as Mike Morton fast-broke for 29 points, Eddie Clark dropped in 14 and Mike Foster chipped in 10 during a game which PV led at the half, 33-17.

The PV B team won, 51-25, led by Don Clarke.

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POSTAL HIKE TO NICKEL IN BUDGET. WASHINGTON (UP) Five cents to mail an out-of-town letter.

That proposed letter rate was the highlight of President Eisenhower's request to Congress today for postage increases amounting to 700 million dollars a year. They also included a one-cent boost for local and airmail letters and postcards.

The present regular letter rate is three cents, both local and out-of-town.

The President called his proposal "one of the most urgent items of unfinished business before the Congress."

100 years ago

Friday, Jan. 10, 1908
Dispatch-Democrat

ARMSTRONG GETS YEAR SENTENCE. Judge T. E. Armstrong, of Hopland, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of embezzlement, appeared in the superior court Monday for trial. He withdrew his former plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve a year in San Quentin by Judge White. Judge Armstrong embezzled the funds of Court Duncan's Peak while treasurer of the lodge. He was taken to San Quentin Monday by Sheriff Donohoe.

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PUT MONEY IN CIRCULATION. The town trustees met in regular session last Monday night and proceeded to clear off the docket as far as bills were concerned, passing all the bills that have been before the board for the past few months. In all claims to the amount of over $7,000 were paid, and put into circulation, and it greatly relieved the stringency of the money market.

The usual routine business was attended to at this meeting.

Frank Deyoe was appointed chief of the fire department, and W. H. Ives was appointed a member of the board of health, vice J. H. Barker, resigned.

The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance creating the office of sanitary inspector and one amending the ordinance relative to the duties of the city engineer.

All parties who are delinquent on electric light bills are hereby notified that if they do not settle the same by the 20th of this month the current will be shut off. Meters put in in future must be paid for in advance.

The sewer committee was authorized to adjust the matter between the town and A. P. Brunner.

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A GOOD BRIDGE. The board of supervisors went down to Largo Tuesday to inspect the Largo bridge, and accept the same, if according to plans and specifications. The bridge is reported to be a good one and Supervisor Lawson is being congratulated on having had a splendid job done. All the members were well pleased with the bridge. It will be remembered that two other bridges have gone out there during the high floods, but it is thought that this one will stand. It carries a guarantee with it.

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ARRIVAL OF THE BIG FLEET. It is stated that the big fleet that is on its way to the Pacific is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco bay on the 18 of April, this year, the anniversary of the big quake. It will be made a gala day, and the railroads have resolved to give every body a chance to see it. The railroads will run special excursions on that occasion. The round trip fare from Ukiah will be only $1.80, it is stated.

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POLITICAL LETTERS

To our readers:

The Daily Journal prints political letters in a separate section of the newspaper. Like all letters, including email letters, they must also have a legible signature, home phone number and address. Letters will be printed as space permits and while we normally have space for most political letters we do not guarantee publication of all letters. Letters which are similar in nature and language and appear to be part of letter-writing or attack campaigns will receive lower priority. Readers should note that printing these letters does not indicate Daily Journal support for these candidates nor proof of the letter writer's accuracy.

For Kucinich

To the Editor:

I haven't been impressed with any presidential candidates, so I decided to try the Internet survey that matches you up with candidates who share your views. Dennis Kucinich was clearly the choice for me. He represents politics for all people, not just a few rich people.

Kucinich was actually homeless as a child and lived in cars with his family on a few occasions. At age 31 he was elected as the youngest mayor of a major U.S. city. As mayor, he refused to allow the city to sell its community-owned utility company because he knew selling it to private corporations would cause rates to go up, which would make it especially tough for poor people to keep their lights on.

Kucinich was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1996, and in 2002 he led 125 of his Democratic colleagues to vote against the invasion of Iraq, because he realized the WMD claims were greatly exaggerated. He saw that the main reason for the invasion was about oil, and he knew our troops would become involved in house-to-house urban fighting.

As a young adult, Kucinich worked as an orderly at a Cleveland hospital, and as a congressperson has introduced legislation HR 676 to create a universal single payer, non-profit national health care system. Kucinich also authored and introduced legislation to create a Cabinet level Department of Peace and Nonviolence. I hope you'll take a look at his web site at www.dennis4president.com/.

Louisa Aronow
Redwood Valley

For Richardson

To the Editor:

I was out in the snows of Iowa working, as a volunteer, to get out the vote for Bill Richardson to become the Presidential nominee for the Democratic Party. Our Primary election is Feb. 5.

I've endorsed Bill Richardson because he has the most experience and the best disposition of all the Democratic candidates. Richardson spent 15 years as a Representative in Congress, was our Ambassador to the United Nations and the Secretary of Energy under Bill Clinton. He sees the big picture. His whole career has been dedicated to peaceful negotiations and for that he has been nominated five times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He has a 1-step plan for Iraq: Get Out. He says, "We have become the targets and it will be impossible to get peace there until we are gone."

Because he was the Secretary of Energy, Richardson knows we need to get off oil, has the understanding of what is involved to do so -- and will focus on what he calls an "Apollo Project" to develop renewable energy and work to stop global climate change.

As a two term Governor of New Mexico, a border state (having won with 69 percent of the vote in that very red state) he understands both sides of the immigration issue. Richardson was born in California but lived for many years in Mexico.

Richardson has the ability to bring us together as a nation. He is a problem solver with a sense of humor. Richardson represents the best of the west -- optimism, openness and sincerity. My mother would have called him a "mentsh" which was her highest compliment. It means a person of integrity and humanity. I hope California voters will join me in supporting Bill Richardson for President of the United States.

Rachel Binah
Democratic National Committeewoman
Chair Emeritus, Environmental Caucus
Calif.DemocraticParty
Little River

For Kucinich

To the Editor:

I know when it comes to elections in this country, winning is everything. But for me, casting my vote is a personal expression of support for the candidate who represents values that are as close to my own as possible. Though a lifetime of voting for unsuccessful presidential candidates has been disappointing, I reject the notion that I have been wasting my vote. In our "winner take all" system of politics, minority views like my own hold little sway over the course our country has been following at home and abroad. As that course has been leading to preemptive war and torture abroad as well as increased class inequity at home, I feel this is very sad. But I view this election cycle with renewed hope.

One of the brightest spots of hope is Dennis Kucinich's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president. In 2004, Dennis missed getting a delegate to the Democratic convention from our first congressional district by one percentage point. I am again campaigning to help Dennis get the 15 percent and more of the vote to secure at least one delegate. I am doing this so that his views on the issues, which are very close to my own, will have a voice at the convention.

Terry Poplawski
Ukiah

Voting with care

To the Editor:

In the last few days, eight more American soldiers were killed in Iraq. Despite the "surge" the deadly war goes on and on. Most presidential candidates seem to have dropped the subject and forgotten that over 80 percent of the American public still oppose the war, and want the troops brought home. So why weren't more voters outraged after John McCain's recent remark that he would be fine with keeping American troops in Iraq for 100 or even 1 million years? Where were these 80 percent during New Hampshire's primary? Do they grasp what sort of foreign policy that statement implies or what it would mean for our economy?

On Jan. 7, the day before the primary, Ron Paul, also Republican, issued a press release responding to the Senator's remark with this comment: "John McCain's statement in favor of keeping troops in Iraq for 100 years or longer puts him out of sync with the majority of Americans, who want our troops to come home. Further, his comments recklessly put America at risk as such a statement will likely serve as a recruiting tool for Bin Laden and Al Qaeda, who appeal to radicals and incite violence against Americans by claiming that the US desires to occupy the Middle East indefinitely."

Is it possible that the voters just respond to personalities, and overlook the deeply held convictions of the candidates before them? Voters need to pay closer attention to the principles each one stands for. Perhaps they were drawn to McCain because he is a "straight shooter" or because he was a prisoner of war, but in actual fact, he is at heart a military man who comes from a military family. His most personal and heartfelt goal is to exhibit these sterling abilities, appear strong, and remain at war.

The prospect that John McCain might somehow head the Republican ticket should be most frightening to those opposed to the Iraq war and its potential for further entanglements. His possible political comeback begs asking what political principles drive each of the other candidates and what their real agendas might be not only for the Iraq war, but the economy and all other pressing domestic issues. Asking merely for "change" isn't enough. There will be an automatic change as soon as the Bush administration is gone, but what kind? Many of the leading candidates would probably wind the war down, but in agonizingly tiny, expensive, and deadly steps.

It is crucial not to choose our next president on the basis of personality traits, or worse, electability. It is better look at the sort of path each candidate is most likely to follow and be in full support of that path. If we really want out of Iraq, there are only two candidates, though with opposing political philosophies, who really mean to get it done: Ron Paul and Denis Kucinich. It is worth the time it takes to research the positions of these two men. If you do not belong to the political party of either, and wish to register or change parties, you have until Jan. 22 to do so -- you can always change back. It is better to vote with conviction than wake up on Feb. 6 with voter's remorse, feeling like you might have played a part in the continuing downward spiral of America's economy, vulnerability, and moral authority.

Virginia Macintosh
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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL



photo submitted by John Lehner

Ukiah resident John Lehner, right, met Democratic presidential candidate Barak Obama at a political event last summer. He says they "discussed spirituality and prayer."



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Schwarzenegger is facing the kind of crisis that ruined Davis

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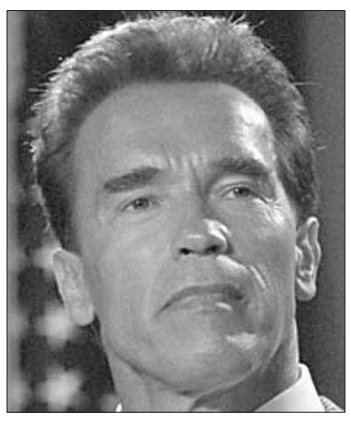
SACRAMENTO — Arnold Schwarzenegger stormed into office during California's last budget crisis, promising to "end the crazy deficit spending" so the state would never go over the financial cliff again.

But four years later, California is back in the same spot.

The cooling economy has opened up a projected $14.5 billion deficit over the next 18 months, and the governor proposed this week to cut school spending, release 22,000 prisoners early and shut dozens of state parks.

The irony is rich: He is facing a repeat of the financial crisis that undid Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, the man Schwarzenegger ousted in a turbulent recall election.

"It is poetic justice," said Garry South, a former Davis adviser, remembering Schwarzenegger's taunts in



Schwarzenegger

the 2003 election. "All the hullaballoo he made during the recall, putting up ads saying he would cut up the state's credit cards and stop this crazy deficit spending — and he ultimately didn't do either one."

Far from solving California's systemic budget problems, Schwarzenegger has taken several actions that have made them worse. Just like Davis, Schwarzenegger cut taxes but not spending, which has risen 30 percent since he took office. That ensured that when tax revenue tapered off, the budget gap would reappear.

The latest crisis came on so fast that California is in danger of running out of cash this year. Schwarzenegger has ordered more borrowing — the sale of $3.3 billion in bonds — to make sure the state can pay its bills.

The out-of-whack budget forced the governor to scrap an ambitious plan to overhaul education, easily the biggest part of the budget, saying, "This is not the year to talk about money." California ranks 43rd in the nation in spending per pupil.

The deficit also threatens to undermine the compromise on health care he reached last year with Democrats, a $14 billion plan that needs legislative and voter approval. The grim financial picture might

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make it harder to persuade voters and lawmakers to give their assent.

Schwarzenegger has tried his hand at reforming the budgeting process — at first gingerly, then with a campaign that incited such ferocious pushback it nearly ended his political career.

Shortly after he was elected, the Republican asked the Legislature to adopt a spending cap, but the Democrats who control both chambers refused. Lawmakers eventually agreed to put a weak spending limit on the ballot, along with a $15 billion bond issue to bail out the state. Both passed.

In the ballot pamphlet, Schwarzenegger assured voters — in capital letters — that the measure would be "a safeguard against this EVER HAPPENING AGAIN."

Clearly not believing his own rhetoric, he came back with a second ballot measure in 2005 to impose a hard spending cap and give the governor authority to cut the budget in the middle of the year. But public employee unions, led by teachers, shot it down, and the governor's approval rating dropped by half.

When the good times rolled back and brought a $9 billion tax surplus, he didn't bank it all. Instead, he gave most of it to education to pacify the teachers.

"Why didn't they take some of that and put it into the budget stabilization account, which the voters had approved the year before?" asked Fred Silva, a fiscal policy adviser at a consulting firm who spent 20 years working on budget issues in the California Senate. "It's just a choice. And, you know, the Legislature went along with it."

Schwarzenegger acted as though he believed the bad times were not coming back. In announcing last year's budget, he said he had put an end to the deficit. But as the housing market swooned, so did the state's finances.

Now, the governor is again advocating a spending cap and a rainy-day fund, this one, he says, at the recommendation of former President Clinton, who used it when he was governor of Arkansas.

But dropping Clinton's name hasn't done Schwarzenegger much good with Democrats, who want him to raise taxes instead of cutting services.

"If the governor is looking at rural Arkansas as a model for addressing California's budget issues," said Sen. Dean Florez, a Democrat from the Central Valley, "perhaps California is just too big of a state for him to handle."

Laura Kurtzman covers California politics for The Associated Press.

Showdown looms over secure driver's licenses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of air travelers may find going through airport security much more complicated this spring, as the Bush administration heads toward a showdown with state governments over post-Sept. 11 rules for new driver's licenses.

By May, the dispute could leave millions of people unable to use their licenses to board planes, but privacy advocates called that a hollow threat by federal officials.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, who was unveiling final details of the REAL ID Act's rules on Friday, said that if states want their licenses to remain valid for air travel after May 2008, those states must seek a waiver indicating they want more time to comply with the legislation.

The deadline is an effort to get states to begin phasing in the REAL ID program. Citizens born after Dec. 1, 1964, would have six years to get a new license; older Americans would have until 2017.

Chertoff said that for any state which doesn't seek such a waiver by May, residents of that state will have to use a passport or certain types of federal border-crossing cards if they want to avoid a vigorous secondary screening at airport security.

"The last thing I want to do is punish citizens of a state who would love to have a REAL ID license but can't get one," Chertoff said. "But in the end, the rule is the rule as passed by Congress."

The plan's chief critic, the American Civil Liberties Union, called Chertoff's deadline a bluff — and urged state governments to call him on it.

"Are they really prepared to shut those airports down? Which is what effectively would happen if the residents of those states are going to have to go through secondary scrutiny," said Barry Steinhardt, director of the ACLU's technology and liberty program. "This is a scare tactic."

So far, 17 states have passed legislation or resolutions objecting to the REAL ID Act's provisions, many due to concerns it will cost them too much to comply. The 17, according to the ACLU, are Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington.

Maine officials said Friday they were unsure if their own state law even allows them to ask for a waiver.

"It certainly seems to be an effort by the federal government to create compliance with REAL ID whether states have an interest in doing so or not," said Don Cookson, spokesman for the Maine secretary of state's office.

The Sept. 11 attacks were the main motivation for the changes: The hijacker-pilot who flew into the Pentagon, Hani Hanjour, had four driver's licenses and ID cards from three states.

The Homeland Security Department and other officials say the only way to ensure an ID is safe is to check it against secure government data; critics such as the ACLU say that creates a system that is more likely to be infiltrated and have its personal data pilfered.

Congress passed the REAL ID law in 2005, but the effort has been delayed by opposition from states worried about the cost and civil libertarians upset about what they believe are invasions of privacy. A key deadline would come in 2011, when federal authorities hope all states will be in compliance.

To make the plan more appealing to cost-conscious states, federal authorities drastically reduced the expected cost from $14.6 billion to $3.9 billion, a 73 percent decline, said Homeland Security officials familiar with the plan.

By 2014, anyone seeking to board an airplane or enter a federal building would have to present a REAL ID-compliant card, with the notable exception of those older than 50, Homeland Security officials said.

The over-50 exemption was created to give states more time to get everyone new licenses, and officials say the risk of someone in that age group being a terrorist, illegal immigrant or con artist is much less. By 2017, even those over 50 must have a REAL ID-compliant card to board a plane.

Among other details of the REAL ID plan:

—The traditional driver's license photograph would be taken at the beginning of the application instead of the end so that if someone is rejected for failure to prove identity and citizenship, the applicant's photo would be kept on file and checked if that person tried to con the system again.

—The cards will have three layers of security measures but will not contain microchips as some had expected. States will be able to choose from a menu which security measures they will put in their cards.

—After Social Security and immigration status checks become nationwide practice, officials plan to move on to more expansive security checks. State DMV offices would be required to verify birth certificates; check with other states to ensure an applicant doesn't have more than one license; and check with the State Department to verify applicants who use passports to get a driver's license.

SUNDAY TV NEWS SHOWS

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Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week" — Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Former Gov. Mitt Romney, R-Mass., and former Gov. Mike Huckabee, R-Ark.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

CNN's "Late Edition" — Romney, Huckabee, former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., and former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn.; Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi, Iraqi defense minister.

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Letters from our readers

Cell phones dangerous for kids?

To the Editor:

If you are considering getting a cell phone as a gift for your child, consider this: Dr. George Carlo, former scientist for the telecom industry, reports that the wireless industry has targeted children as a growth market and are succeeding in increasing cell phone usage among children and teens. Dr. Carlos' research indicated that the cell phone radiation impacts the ability of DNA to repair itself, leaving us more susceptible to cancer. Studies show that after six years of constant cell phone use, there is a significant increase of tumors in the inner ear. This research was presented via the media on "60 Minutes."

Special concern for children followed from the research. Studies showed that radiation penetrates deeper into the heads of children and teens, resulting in more exposure from radio wave activity. The type of genetic damage that was found is more likely to occur in the growing brain tissue of children. A recent study of a research institute in Marbella, Spain, found that a single cell phone call of only two minutes can alter the electrical activity of a child's brain for up to one hour. Microwave radiation of this sort has been shown to penetrate the blood-brain barrier. Dr. Gerard Hyland from the U.K. indicated that this could lead to learning disabilities, memory loss, and aggressive behavior in the classroom.

Some research has also indicated that cell phones have an addictive quality, you might agree while watching our teens around town. Dr. Carlo believes that all of this electrical exposure is equivalent to child abuse, yet many parents believe their kids might be at risk without a cell. It is wise then to also evaluate the secondary radiation encountered when carrying a cell phone on the person when it is left on to receive calls.

Although the wireless industry claims that its technology is totally safe, no thorough safety testing was ever conducted, and this is the first generation that has put relatively high-powered transmitters against their skulls day after day.

For more information, google 'wireless safety' and 'microwave news.'

William White
Willits

Greedy growers will still be here

To the Editor:

I am in complete agreement with the list of problems about the marijuana industry your editorial mentioned. "…sending millions of dollars out of town, using up scarce water resources, diminishing our land values, and making this a dangerous place to live." Or, as I've seen on some videos: trashing the environment.

But the reports I've seen that show and contribute to these problems are not the 25 plants or less people. They were large growers doing hundreds, if not thousands, of plants. I doubt repealing Measure G would impress these greedy people at all.

In my opinion, it is these greedheads that need to be weeded out, so to speak, because they are the ones causing the problems your editorial notes.

What will really help these problems? The laws are already in place to go after large growers and sellers. Measure G "provides for the continued enforcement of marijuana laws against those who cultivate, transport and possess marijuana for sale." If the laws are in place, then all we need to do is to provide the sheriff with enough funding to go after the big growers. CAMP and the Sheriff already do some of this. Simply increase the budget.

Yesterday I was reading the sheriff's report and was pleased to see arrests for assault with deadly weapons, burglary, robbery, and receiving stolen goods. Add to that methamphetamine, murder, rape and child molestation, etc., which also happens in our county. That's the protection I want law enforcement to give us, not running around trying to find the 6 to 25 plant people.

The point of Measure G was to give law enforcement more time to deal with major crimes and big growers. I don't think repealing Measure G will help in any way. The Sheriff's Department works long, hard hours to protect us. We ask them to protect us from all the problems above, yet we barely pay them enough. Increase the budget, hire more deputies to go after the major growers. That is what will help reduce these problems.

Michael Laybourn
Hopland

Officers should be role models

To the Editor:

I am just curious what sort of traffic citations, fines and departmental discipline an officer who runs a stop sign, crashing into a moving vehicle receives, if any. Also, where does the money come from for the repair or replacement of a pricey patrol SUV? I am pro-law enforcement. However, these sorts of driving "skills" are seen quite often by officers of the law, who feel they do not have to abide by the laws themselves.

How often do we see patrolmen conduct a "California stop," not using proper signals, or speeding here and there with no emergency equipment being used? Yet in a heartbeat undergo a traffic stop to ticket or warn an individual for the same thing they were just doing? I am happy the juvenile in the crash was uninjured, however I hope it serves as a lesson to local L.E. and the sergeant involved that they are not invincible, and they should act like role models for other citizens.

William Ramsey
Ukiah

Get rid of the insurance factor

To the Editor:

I am outraged that medical insurance companies even exist in the USA. We don't need them, and it's time for the American people to send this message to Washington.

In every other industrialized nation in the world, governments provide free or very low cost healthcare for their citizens. Corporations don't control the medical profession.

What these corporations are doing is killing America and operating on blood money. They are creating severe financial

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In our opinion

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Our goal this year was $85,000 and at last count we had reached over $88,000 in donations.

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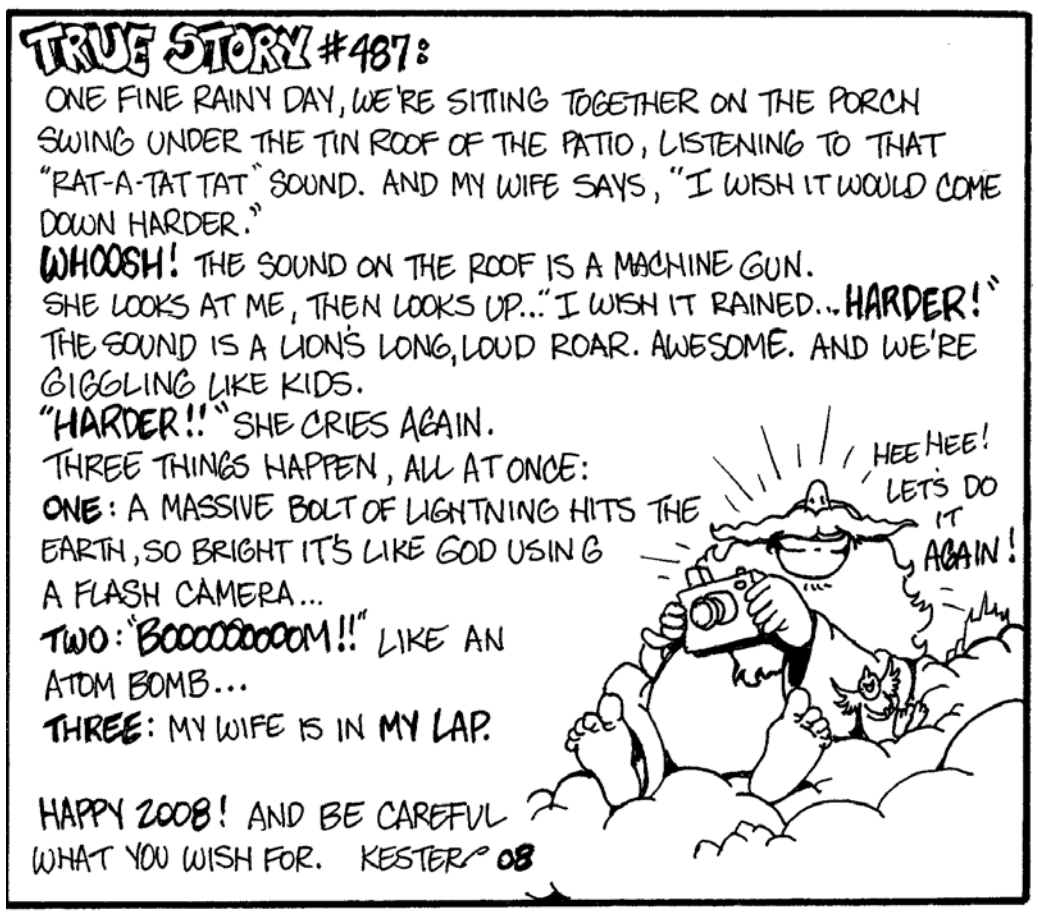
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Thank you.



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By Tommy Wayne Kramer

Movin' on up

There's a moral to the following story, but I'm not sure what it is. If I did know I'd tell you right now and we'd both be done.

Some good friends have lived for a number of years in one of my favorite houses, a sweet spot on the south side of Ukiah. It's got a swimming pool, a backyard the size of a landing strip at the airport, BBQ area, all the trimmings.

So of course they want something better. They said it had to do with the noise and the traffic (my driveway probably has more traffic than their street) because, he said, "It got to the point that when you backed out into the road you had to look to make sure no one was coming." Oh. Imagine that. It's now a hardship to have to open your eyes before entering a public street.

So they hung a For Sale sign out front, and then bought a charming house on the fashionable - no, *fashionablest* - neighborhood on Ukiah's west side. It's the swanky part of town, where you can hardly spit without hitting a lawyer walking an exotic dog down the street.

So escrow closed and the new house was theirs and all that remained was the minor chore of moving. Which began on a Friday. Oddly, each and every one of Archie and Veronica's (not their real names) friends had to be in Vallejo that day, and the "moving party" was thus a lonely one. They had more people with them at their honeymoon than for the weekend move.

Friday begins and a hundred hours later (Archie's estimate) Friday ends. To bed they go, first time ever in their new master suite. They are so exhausted their eyeballs are bleeding. They sleep deep fathomless sleep.

For about 90 minutes.

They awake to a groggy whirl of bleary consciousness, slowly realizing there is a teeming mob out on the street corner. Were shots fired? Did someone threaten to burn down a house? How many cop cars are out there, anyway? All wild but reasonable questions, of course. (Final count on those police cars was six, by the way. Veronica wonders if she saw six police cars on her old street all of last year.)

Refreshed and invigorated from four hours sleep, Archie and Veronica wake up early Saturday, eager to meet the challenge of packing up everything in the garage, cleaning the pool, mowing the lawn, replacing the cracked window in the bathroom and hauling eight loads to the dump.

It's a job that should take about a week, but since it's moving day they are done by 10 o'clock that night. A fabulous meal of microwaved something or other and they collapse into bed, unconscious.

They sleep a sleep so profound they cease to breathe. Blood slows to a halt in their veins. They sleep like those at Low Gap Cemetery sleep. For two hours.

Because half past midnight Veronica sits straight up in bed, listening to the moans and shrieks and cries of a dog in immense pain. Pitiful, heart-rending wails from a doggy a few doors away. Injured dog? Tortured dog?

Veronica sat wondering. It should be pointed out she is the best friend any dog on this planet could have. If Veronica were Director of Admissions on Noah's Ark and you were standing in line next to an Airedale, my advice would be that you buy an umbrella and learn to swim.

So another night's sleep was ruined, what with the pacing and the fretting and the looking out the window. Then presto! Suddenly it was Sunday morning and Veronica and Archie popped off the mattress like kids at Christmas, aglow after the many minutes of sleep they'd had. *"Carpe Diem!"* they shouted in unison.

All they had to do was clean the attic, move stuff from the storage locker, shampoo the rugs, paint the two back bedrooms, meet with the electrician and return the rental truck. And unpack a few dozen more boxes.

Now, at last, their lovely new home is ready for living, and they are ready for sleep. They crawl down the hall to their bedroom and with trembling limbs struggle into bed. They sleep like frozen wooly mammoths locked in ice for 70 centuries.

But ... the dog next door has plans of its own. He sits 20 feet from Archie and Veronica's window and begins displaying his considerable barking skills around 2 a.m.

Archie begins thinking about his old house and that nice, quiet back bedroom. Freshly painted too. He wonders if people will think it's weird that he's renting a room in a house he already owns.

Veronica lays awake beside him, rethinking her philosophy on dogs.

The alarm clock rings, it's Monday morning and the work week starts *now.*

What's the moral to the story? Grass greener? Shalt not envy? The need for liberalized divorce laws in California? Submit your thoughts to TWK care of Tom Hine at the Daily Journal.

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SUNDAY VOICES

Give DDR a fair hearing

Another Voice
BY BRIAN CARTER

My law firm represents DDR. I am biased, but I do hope that DDR's proposed project at the former Masonite site will be analyzed on the basis of objective facts and actual dollars and cents rather than on the basis of the project opponents' speculative economic arguments.

Construction of the DDR project will result in more than $100,000,000 being sunk into the ground on and around the site. Construction workers and suppliers will benefit, North State Street will be modernized and government property tax revenues will increase. The finished project will create more than 700 permanent jobs for workers of all ages and skill levels. The demand for labor will exceed the supply, and wages will rise.

Opponents argue, as they have in the past, that big retailers will damage local merchants. Presently, however, Ukiah is home to Wal-Mart, JC Penney, Mervyn's, Friedman's, Food Maxx, Big 5, Ross, Home Depot, Rite-Aid, Staples, Michael's, Les Schwab and Walgreen's, and local merchants still continue to compete successfully. There is no proof that Target and/or Costco would damage local merchants any more than the prior stores did. Consumers always benefit from increased competition and choices.

Local consumers will also benefit from not having to drive to and from Santa Rosa or beyond several times a year. The savings in time, gas and wear and tear alone (at least $100 per trip) will save local consumers many millions of dollars a year. One study concluded that locals spend more than $169,000,000 each year on retail items outside of this valley. If that money is spent in Ukiah, our underfunded local governments will experience dramatic increases in sales tax revenue. Consumers from the coast, Lakeport, Humboldt and elsewhere will come to Ukiah, increasing the pool of consumers shopping and eating in Ukiah. While the rest of the state and nation suffers through a housing slump and credit crunch, Ukiah's economy will be growing and creating new jobs in a variety of sectors.

Project opponents want the Board of Supervisors to retain the current industrial zoning for DDR's property to accommodate hundreds of high-paying industrial jobs that they contend will come to town some day. DDR's project, they say, will result in the "loss" of those jobs. This is speculative and ridiculous. There are no industrial jobs on DDR's property and none are likely to come. Ukiah has been trying to attract industrial jobs for 25 years, without the slightest success. Masonite and L-P shut down their factories and left town during that time, and the Airport Industrial Park filled up with commercial businesses, with zero evidence that this trend is going to change. There are 391 acres of industrial-zoned land in the Ukiah Valley other than DDR's property, most of which is unused or under-used. If industrial jobs were coming, they would have come and they still can come. The only jobs that will be "lost" as a result of DDR's project are imaginary jobs. On the other hand, every dollar in wages earned by the 700 people employed at DDR's project will be a net gain for our local economy.

During the Smart Growth Coalition's 'smart growth' film series many months ago, Portland was held up as a model for successful "smart growth." Environmentalists and the government there agreed to preserve open space outside of the "urban" zone by making it easier for developers to build up (not out) and to revitalize run-down properties inside the urban zone. DDR wants to turn an ugly, vacant industrial property inside our urban zone into an attractive, vibrant center where locals work, shop and play. This is squarely within the definition of 'smart growth' articulated in those films. The local Smart Growth Coalition, on the other hand, claims to support "smart" growth but fervently opposes DDR's project. It is no surprise that many think that this group is really the "No Growth Coalition."

Ukiah and Mendocino County would benefit from more than $100,000,000 in physical improvements and upgrades, the hundreds of construction jobs and permanent new jobs, the substantially increased government revenues, the increased competition for consumer dollars, and the great savings of consumer time and money, all of which DDR's rejuvenating project will bring, at a time when the nation teeters on the verge of a recession.

It is very difficult for me to believe that one should disregard these benefits in favor of imaginary jobs in an imaginary "clean" industries that might some day (25 years of evidence to the contrary) come to Ukiah. I therefore hope that the Board of Supervisors will vote for real jobs, real revenues and real progress that real developers are trying to bring to our community today. An opportunity this good does not come around very often and should not be missed. The large majority of the citizens of this valley support growth and progress, and government policies firmly based in reality. Those citizens should speak up, and soon, on this issue.

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Wave energy forum -- A chance to learn

Another Voice
BY DOUG HAMMERSTROM

As the Mayor of Fort Bragg, I traveled to Oregon last fall... to attend...meetings on wave energy. The most important thing I learned.. is that an actively involved local community engaged in a well-designed public process offers the best hope for a wave energy project that maximizes potential benefits and minimizes local harm.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the City of Fort Bragg and Mendocino County are hosting a day-long forum on Wave Energy. The Forum will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dana Gray Elementary School at 1197 Chestnut Street in Fort Bragg. I encourage the public to attend this free event.

Last February, PG&E filed applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for Wave Energy Pilot Projects off of the coast of Fort Bragg and Humboldt Bay. Wave energy technology is still at a very early stage of development with only a handful of devices currently deployed worldwide. Wave energy technology developers and electric utilities are anxious to put devices in the water for research purposes. In Oregon and Washington, a number of wave energy applications have been filed and the public process is further along than here in Mendocino County. In our community, people have responded with a mix of curiosity about the nascent renewable energy source and concerns about the potential impacts on marine resources, the fishing industry, and our spectacular coastline.

The public dialogue is just beginning. The Jan 19 Wave Energy Forum is intended to provide information to help enlighten that dialogue. The forum will consist of four moderated "panel discussions" with opportunities for the public to ask questions of the panelists. The first panel will have two wave energy technology developers and a representative of PG&E providing their perspectives on the state of the wave energy industry. The second panel will discuss marine resource issues and includes representatives from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish & Game, and the Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development. The third panel will provide information about the regulatory requirements and procedures for wave energy devices. Panelists include representatives from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Minerals Management Service, State Lands Commission, and California Coastal Commission. The fourth panel will address community and fishing concerns. Panelists include representatives from the North Coast Fishing Association, Salmon Trollers Marketing Association, Surfriders, Audubon Society, National Outer Continental Shelf Coalition, and Lincoln County, Oregon.

As the Mayor of Fort Bragg, I traveled to Oregon last fall with Paul Cayler from the Mendocino County Chief Executive's Office to attend two days of meetings on wave energy. The most important thing I learned from those meetings is that an actively involved local community engaged in a well-designed public process offers the best hope for a wave energy project that maximizes potential benefits and minimizes local harm.

To quote the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates, "There are in fact two things, science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance." Come learn about the issues, gain some knowledge, develop an informed opinion, and get involved in this important public debate!

Doug Hammerstrom is mayor of Fort Bragg.

Green poetry and ham

Judicial follies
BY FRANK ZOTTER

Lawsuits filed by prisoners can be the source of some of the most bizarre litigation in the federal courts. But Charles Jay Wolff's lawsuit started out far more conventionally (except, perhaps, for his atrocious handwriting).

Back in August, 2006, Wolff filed an application with the federal district court in New Hampshire asking to sue three of his jailers for allegedly denying him a kosher diet. Yes -- among other great things about America, landing in jail for committing a crime doesn't preclude having the religious diet of one's choice. (In fact, back in 2000, in one of the stranger partnerships in Congress, liberal Sen. Edward Kennedy and conservative Sen. Orrin Hatch got together and sponsored a special statute called [deep breath] the "Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act," now referred to as "RLUIPA." Part of this law prohibits the government from imposing a "substantial burden on the religious exercise of a prisoner" unless the government has a really good reason.)

The case was assigned to Magistrate Judge James Muirhead. A magistrate judge in the federal system is a judicial officer appointed by the regular federal judges to help out with some of the less desirable tasks of the federal judiciary.

In Wolff's case, he claimed that his jailers in New Hampshire originally provided him with a kosher diet but later rescinded this when they caught him eating supposedly non-kosher ice cream. Wolff denied this, however, claiming that it was indeed kosher ice cream, as substantiated by a prison chaplain and a rabbi.

Wolff's lawsuit went along as such things normally do. In other words, after Judge Muirhead dismissed part of his suit and allowed part of it to proceed, the New Hampshire officials filed a formal response and the case dragged on, slowly, thereafter.

And then in September, 2007 Wolff filed a motion asking that the prison officials be held in contempt of court for failing to comply with an earlier order in the case. And along with his paperwork, for reasons not explained (or at least not clear from Wolff's very-difficult-to-read motion) was a hard boiled egg.

The federal court clerk's office duly accepted the egg as an "exhibit," but the clerk's office also referred this ... unusual item to Judge Muirhead. And Muirhead, who probably has had too many prisoner's cases to deal with (even in a small state like New Hampshire) responded with an order he filed the next day. The order begins, "Plaintiff has filed a hard boiled egg as part of his preliminary injunction request." And then, under the heading "Discussion," he "ruled" as follows:

No fan I am
Of the egg at hand.
Just like no ham
On the kosher plan.
This egg will rot
I kid you not.
And stink it can
This egg at hand.
There will be no eggs at court
To prove a clog in your aort.
There will be no eggs accepted.
Objections all will be rejected.
From this day forth
This court will ban
hard-boiled eggs of any brand.
And if you should not understand
The meaning of the ban at hand
Then you should contact either Dan,
the Deputy Clerk, or my clerk Jan.
I do not like eggs in the file.
I do not like them in any style.
I will not take them fried or boiled.
I will not take them poached or broiled.
I will not take them soft or scrambled
Despite an argument well-rambled.
No fan I am
Of the egg at hand.
Destroy that egg!
Today! Today!
Today I say! Without delay!

SO ORDERED (with apologies to Dr. Seuss).

Well -- Ogden Nash may have once tried to rhyme "petunia" with "Pennsylvunia," but Muirhead likely owes Dr. Seuss more than an apology for putting "court" together with "aort." Wolff's case continues to limp along. Muirhead later denied Wolff's contempt request, finding that the prison officials had taken adequate measures to provide Wolff with a kosher diet despite his claims. Wolff has filed an appeal. And this time, he didn't include an egg.

(With thanks to Sheriff Tom Allman for bringing this case to my attention.)

Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.

ON THE STREETS

What is the worst cell phone behavior you've witnessed?



April Postal
Financial services
Ukiah

"There are so many... Where do I start? It annoys me that I had to get one because there are no more pay phones."



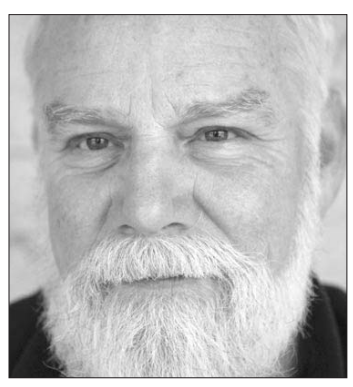
Jeff Kelly
Firefighter/paramedic
Redwood Valley

"It's the most common one. Talking while driving on the freeway. It's distracting and it causes accidents."



Matthew McArdle
Student
Ukiah

"Personal calls in public places. Last week there was a woman in the grocery store discussing who gets what from a family member's will. I don't want to be a part of that."



Larry Booth
Music Dept. Asst.
Ukiah

"On the freeway people cut me off and then I see that they're on their cell phone ... It blows me away. That's dangerous."



Debbie Kirby
Bus driver
Ukiah

"I'm getting off the freeway at Talmage and a lady swerved across the freeway from the passing lane and cut me off. She was on the phone."



Quinton Roland
Consultant
Monterey

"A man in a suit that was loudly discussing his business arrangement so that everyone in a San Fransisco streetcar could hear it."

Photos and interviews by McCleod Pappidas in front of Safeway in Ukiah.

LOCAL CALENDAR

This week:

• Mon., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Alameda College @ 6 p.m.

• Tues., UHS girls' basketball vs. Santa Rosa, freshmen @ 4:30 p.m., jv 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

• Wed., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Merritt College @ 7:30 p.m.

• Wed., Mendocino womens' basketball vs. Los Medanos College @ 5:30 p.m.

• Fri., Mendocino mens' basketball @ Marin, 7:30 p.m.

• Fri., Mendocino womens' basketball @ Merritt, 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DIGEST

Come watch the varsity Lady Cats for free

Leanne Moore, the ASB President at Ukiah High School, would like to thank every volunteer who helped in the search of Ted Daly by inviting them to the varsity girls' basketball game on Tues. January 15th when they take on Santa Rosa at 7:30 p.m. for FREE.

So if you contributed at all in Daly's search and rescue feel free to come watch the varsity Lady Cats continue their great play on the house.

Mendo Rugby Club

The Mendocino Rugby Club is currently looking for players for the 2008 season which begins on January 26th.

The team has begun practicing and practices are held on Wednesdays on the softball field at 5 p.m. All people are welcome with any experience level.

Pony League Signups

Ukiah Pony/Colt league will be having signups for the 2008 season in conjuction with Little League on Jan. 16, 17, and 22. This league is for boys and girls ages 13-17 abd all games are located at Anton Stadium.

Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate and the signup fee of $75.

If you have any questions, call Kris at 468-3800.

Null and Sull signups

Both the North and South Ukiah Little League signups will be held Jan. 16, 17, and 22 from 6-8p.m. in the Yokayo elementary School Cafeteria.

All parents must bring the following: an original state or federal certified birth certificate, three proof of residency documents, the signup fee of $55 for the first child and $50 for each additional sibling, and a $30 deposit for required service hours in the form of a check. Players can be no younger than 5 and no older than 12 by April 30 to participate in Little League. Limited scholarships will be available based on financial need.

If you have a question about North Ukiah Little League, you can call the hotline at 468-4232 or visit the website at www.eteamz.com/null. For South Ukiah Little League call 468-8800 or visit their website at www.eteamz.com/sull.

Youth Soccer League

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is holding there League Membership Meeting Jan. 22, 6:30 at the Consolidated Tribal Health (on North State St between Calpella and Redwood Valley) At this meeting we will elect new Board of Directors for the 2008 season, establish fee increases adopt any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures.

This is an open meeting for anyone to attend and give feedback on how your season went. For further information please visit our web-site uvysl.org or call the hotline at 467-9797.

Team in training

Train for a marathon or half marathon (run or walk), triathlon or 100-mile cycling event while raising money to help people with blood cancer. Team in Training is a major fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Learn more on Jan. 22 at 6:30p.m. at the Windsor Public Library: 9291 Old Redwood Highway Building 100, Windsor. For more information call 707-303-4800 or visit www.TeamInTraining.org/SF.

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NEW ENGLAND 31 | JACKSONVILLE 20

Patriots top Jaguars to remain perfect

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady was almost perfect. The Patriots still are.

Their poised and prolific quarterback knocked another mark out of the books in their record-breaking season, completing all but two of his 28 passes to lead New England to its second straight AFC championship game with a 31-20 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Saturday night.

The Patriots pulled away in the second half to improve to 17-0, matching the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the only team to go unbeaten from the first game of the season through the Super Bowl.

Two more wins and the Patriots will join them — much to the chagrin of some of those Dolphins.

Just one more win next Sunday at Gillette Stadium will put the Patriots back in the Super Bowl for the first time in three years after three championships in the previous four years. They'll face the winner of Sunday's game between San Diego and Indianapolis, which beat New England in last year's AFC title game.

"The thing about it now is that none of it matters." Brady said. "For 17 games, it all comes down to this and we were here last year. I hope we perform better."

Brady completed 92.9 percent of his passes, breaking Phil Simms record of 88 percent (22-of-25) set in the Super Bowl after the 1986 season in which he led the New York Giants to a 39-20 win over the Denver Broncos.

And Brady did it mostly without Randy Moss, who had

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UHS | GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wildcats win thriller, 53-50

By ANTHONY DION
The Daily Journal

A competitive game turned into a thrilling finish and finally a triumphant crowd as the hometown Ukiah Wildcats girls varsity basketball team edged past the Ursuline Bears on Saturday night, 53-50.

Fans were on the edge of their seats as the final minute played out. With the Lady Cats of Ukiah up just one point at 51-50 and the Bears with possession, the game was truly hanging in the balance.

As time slowly ticked off the clock, the Bears ran their half court offense, attempting to find a crease in the interior of the Wildcats 3-2 zone.

It wasn't to be found as with just 38.7 seconds to play, Dakota Sanderson pulled down the rebound giving Ukiah possession.

After a quick timeout, Ukiah (12-4, 3-1) had a shot at extending their small lead and was unable to take advantage of two very good close looks.

This gave the Bears one final opportunity to win the game and with 14.8 seconds left, they set up their offense to get the shot they wanted. However, the Lady Cats' will was just too mighty, they were not to be broken at home, on this night.

The Bears, instead, threw the ball away and Carrie Reid knocked down two free throws, giving her 10 points for the game and Ukiah the hard-fought victory.

"How about [Emily] Houghton?" queried an exhausted but overjoyed Ukiah head coach Randy Haralson. "When things were going bad she came up with a big assist and a huge bucket on consecutive plays there to really give us a boost.

"She was tremendous on the glass. I don't know how she did stat wise -- I haven't looked at it -- but it's the quiet players like her who do the little things and win us these games."



photo by Suzette Cook-Mankins/ ROP Photo teacher

Ukiah's Ashley Lower, No. 40, wins the tip in a game earlier this year.

"How about [Emily] Houghton? When things were going bad she came up with a big assist and a huge bucket on consecutive plays there to really give us a boost."

-- Randy Haralson

Emily Houghton indeed had a huge game for the Lady Cats, especially in the second half. Hillary Ruddick and her teamed to give Ukiah eight points and three rebounds in a critical stretch in the third quarter when Ursuline was making its move.

Houghton finished with nine points, but none bigger than those four in the third to keep the momentum on Ukiah's sideline.

Ursuline was a game opponent all night long, giving Ukiah fits on both ends of the court. The Wildcats never got ahead more than six points the

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PACKERS 42 | HAWKS 20

Favre, Packers overwhelm Seattle

By BEN WALKER

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre somehow spun free from the Seahawks' clutches and stumbled ahead in the snow. Ever the gambler, he flipped a wobbly, underhanded pass that he had no business trying, let alone completing.

"That's right!" he shouted.

Sure was, for Favre and the NFC championship-bound Green Bay Packers.

With Lambeau Field looking like a snow globe, Favre frolicked in the flurries, throwing three touchdown passes as the Packers beat Seattle 42-20 Saturday, the highest-scoring postseason game in Packers' history.

This must have been the scene the 38-year-old three-time NFL MVP imagined when he decided to postpone retirement and try for another Super Bowl ring.

Ryan Grant made history, too, recovering from two fumbles that put the Packers down 14-0 after only four minutes to set a Packers' postseason record with 201 yards rushing. He scored three times; Greg Jennings caught a pair of TD tosses; and Favre tied his personal best for touchdown strikes in a postseason game.

In the months ahead, Wisconsin might again become a wonder-land — will Favre come back again? — but for now, fans are guaranteed at least one more game.

The Packers (14-3) will take on the winner of Sunday's game between the New York Giants and Dallas. If the Cowboys win, they'll host Green Bay; if the Giants win, they'll visit Lambeau.

Green Bay beat the Giants this season and lost to the Cowboys. Favre would certainly prefer to stay home — he's 0-9 lifetime at Dallas.

Matt Hasselbeck and the Seahawks (11-7) hoped to reverse what happened the last time they were in town for the playoffs. In January 2004, the teams went to overtime and, after winning the coin toss, Hasselbeck boldly proclaimed: "We want the ball and we're going to score!"

It didn't quite work out that way as Al Harris soon intercepted Hasselbeck's pass and returned it for a 52-yard TD. In fact, a picture of the play is posted right outside the Packers' locker room.

Coming off their 35-14 win

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NFL PLAYOFFS | INDIANAPOLIS VS. SAN DIEGO 10AM CBS

Chargers hoping recent trend in AFC works to their advantage against Colts

By MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — San Diego likes the AFC's new championship model. At least this year.

It watched Pittsburgh squander the AFC's No. 1 seed in 2004, only to win a Super Bowl title the next year, and the 2005 Indianapolis Colts blow the No. 1 seed only to rebound with their own Super Bowl title last year.

Now it's San Diego's turn.

Written off after a sluggish start, a coaching change and a deflating home loss in last year's divisional round, the Chargers — last year's top AFC team — have themselves in position to continue that trend if they can dethrone the defending Super Bowl champs on Sunday.

"I think subconsciously we know teams have gotten there from this position, and that helps," coach Norv Turner said. "But we're playing one of the two best teams in football, so what we've got to do is play our best."

For the Chargers (12-5), this season has been defined by one motto: Win in the playoffs.

Everything they did, from firing Marty Schottenheimer to hiring Turner, from building momentum over the second half of the season to forgetting about past postseason failures was intended to change their playoff history.

So far, so good.

San Diego finally ended its 13-year playoff drought last week by beating Tennessee, a win it needed every bit as much for a confidence boost as it did to advance.

Yet the tougher task still lies ahead.

The Chargers face a Colts squad that hopes to get eight-time Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harrison back in the lineup, is coming off a week in which safety Bob Sanders was named the NFL defensive player of the year, and wants to close out the RCA Dome era with another playoff win.

And that's not even looking ahead to next week's championship game at still-perfect New England, a 31-20 winner over Jacksonville on Saturday.

"In my mind a lot of teams do that (have playoff failures)," 2006 MVP LaDainian Tomlinson said. "A lot of teams have to go through a lot of failures and disappointments before they get over the hump."

Perhaps no team understands the Chargers' plight better than the Colts (13-3), who were criticized for years because they couldn't win in the playoffs then were criticized when they did win for failing to reach the Super Bowl.

The most disheartening moment came in 2005 when the Colts watched their seemingly perfect setup vanish the moment Mike Vanderjagt's field goal in the final minute against Pittsburgh sailed wide right.

Coach Tony Dungy used that loss to keep his players motivated for making another run, much the same way the Chargers used last year's defeat to New England.

"I think you do get a certain kind of resolve when you don't finish the year the way you want to," Dungy said. "But every year is different, every team is different, every group of guys is different."

Like the '05 Steelers, the Chargers find themselves in the underdog role against a team they have been successful against.

They've won the last two games in the series, used that 3-4 defense to relentlessly harass two-time league MVP Peyton Manning and have held him to the lowest quarterback rating (71.3) of any defense he's played more than once.

San Diego also leads the league in takeaways (48), has the league rushing champ in Tomlinson and has won seven straight. That's a good start for a recovery.

"Everything's got to be firing right, we just can't be good on one side of the ball," defensive end Luis Castillo said. "This is too good a team. They're the world champions for a reason. ... We feel good, we feel confident."

The biggest question for San Diego is how quarterback Philip Rivers responds on the road. He's thrown 11 touchdowns and four interceptions during the winning streak, but has yet

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WARRIORS 116 | GRIZZLIES 104

Ellis makes first 11 shots as Warriors beat Grizzlies

OAKLAND — Monta Ellis heeded advice from his coach and it led to one of his more memorable performances.

Ellis made his first 11 shots — most mid-range jumpers — and scored 27 points as the Golden State Warriors beat the Memphis Grizzlies for the fifth straight time, 116-104 on Friday night.

"Coach thought instead of going to the basket all the time I should get the floater going," Ellis said. "It was dropping from the beginning. I had to stay focused and keep going at it, get everybody involved, keep the pressure on."

Baron Davis set a career-high with 19 assists and scored 20 points as the Warriors won for the 10th time in their past 13 home games. Stephen Jackson added 22 points and Al Harrington had 19.

"They had a tough loss last night and we jumped on them early," Warriors coach Don Nelson said. "We were coming off a bad performance and I expected the team to come back and play. For the most part we did. (Davis) was brilliant the whole game. We have to single Baron out; 19 assists and 1 turnover."

Even Davis seemed impressed at his effort, two days after scoring four points and recording a single assist in a loss to the Portland Trail Blazers.

"Damn, I'm impressed. I mean, what can I say man?" Davis said. "Coach challenged me to move that ball and I'm trying to make a conscious effort of being more on the ball and let Monta play off the ball, especially early in the game to get him going. I'm just want to be more of a passer, especially on this team."

Pau Gasol scored a season-high 43 points, one shy of his career best, and had 11 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight and dropped to 4-14 in road contests. Juan Carlos Navarro added 20 points and Hakim Warrick and Rudy Gay each scored 10.

"We just wished we could have done a better job defensively," said Gasol, who recorded the third highest single-game effort in franchise history. "We know they feel comfortable here and we definitely got in a big hole early."

The game was never in doubt after the Warriors, who led all the way, opened a 20-point advantage late in the second quarter.

Gasol and Navarro helped keep it close, combining for 63 points on 25-of-38 shooting (.658) and the Grizzlies drew within 105-99 with 5 minutes left.

"We survived an extraordinary performance by Gasol," Nelson said. "We didn't have an answer for him. Thank goodness our offense was clicking, the ball movement was good and we had a nice cushion."

Ellis missed his first shot attempt 3 minutes into the fourth quarter, a short jumper.

"When he's got that in between jumper going, he's very difficult to guard."

Bobby Jones, signed by the Grizzlies on Thursday, made his debut with his new team, hitting a pair of free throws in limited playing time. CJ Watson scored six points in 15 minutes in his Warriors' home debut.

Davis' 3-pointer in the final seconds of the third quarter sent Golden State into the home stretch with a 99-79 edge.

Gasol scored 23 of his points in the first half, matching Gay for the most points by a Grizzlies player in a half this season.

Harrington's long 2-pointer put Golden State up 57-37 with 4:47 left in the second quarter. Gasol re-entered the game for the Grizzlies soon after and scored 10 points the rest of the way as Memphis pulled to 67-54 by halftime.



file photo

Warriors defenders Stephen Jackson, left, and Al Harrington (3) pressure Memphis Grizzlies' Pau Gasol in the first quarter of their game. The Warriors went on to beat the Grizzlies 116-104.

The Warriors scored the game's first 10 points and built an 18-point advantage with 4:43 remaining in the first quarter after Ellis hit a 20-foot jumper.

"We did not come out with energy and you can not compete with this team in this building unless you have all five energized," Memphis coach Marc Iavaroni said. "We didn't wilt but we get on a roller coaster when we make it tough on ourselves."

The Grizzlies rallied over the next 2 minutes, making eight of their next nine shots, scoring 12 consecutive points to draw within 27-21.

Notes: Warriors rookie G Troy Hudson had surgery to repair his left hip on Thursday and will miss the remainder of the season. ... The Grizzlies won eight of nine games against the Warriors prior to their current losing streak to them. ... Gasol's 43 points were the most scored by a Warriors opponent. ... The Grizzlies have recorded one winning streak of any kind this season. ... Grizzlies G Mike Conley failed to improve on his career high in points for the first time in five games. ... The Warriors' 34 second-quarter points matched a season high.

NO. 5 UCLA 81 | NO. 4 WASHINGTON STATE 74

Love's 8th double-double leads UCLA past Cougars

By BETH HARRIS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Washington State is good, just not on UCLA's court.

The fifth-ranked Bruins knocked the No. 4 Cougars from the unbeaten ranks Saturday with an 81-74 victory led by freshman Kevin Love's eighth double-double of the season.

Love had a career-high 27 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, while Darren Collison added 18 points and the Bruins (16-1, 4-0 Pac-10) won their ninth in a row and seventh straight over the Cougars.

Derrick Low scored 24 points after getting nothing in the first half for Washington State, which saw its best start in 91 years ended.

The Cougars (14-1, 2-1) still have just one victory in 51 games at UCLA. They had lost the previous three meetings in Westwood by a combined eight points.

They made it close at the end with nine 3-pointers — five by Low — over the final 5:48.

The Cougars fouled after each and the Bruins held them off on the free throw line, where they were 17-of-21.

UCLA boosted its lead to 42-34 early in the second half on a wide-open 3-pointer by Love. He leaped and bumped bodies with Russell Westbrook in celebration going into a timeout.

The Cougars cut a 17-point deficit to 10 with 9:18 remaining, but Love ended that run. He scored inside, then grabbed the ball on the defensive end and sent a bounce pass to Josh Shipp, who was out in front. Shipp picked up the ball and sailed in for a one-handed dunk that got the crowd on its feet. Shipp finished with 14 points and Westbrook added 12.

Love canned two 3-pointers in the second half when he wasn't ripping down rebounds, scoring down low or setting screens on the perimeter.

Low hit consecutive 3-pointers that drew the Cougars to 57-49 with 5:14 remaining.

The Bruins answered again. Collison drove around Daven Harmeling and scored before falling into the basket support. He got up and made both free throws for a 61-49 lead.

UCLA dominated from the opening tip, running up a 26-8 lead, including eight in a row, before the shaky Cougars knew what hit them. Love had eight points, Shipp hit two 3-pointers and Westbrook scored six points and made some pinpoint passes in the spurt.

Both teams played man-to-man, but the Bruins were quicker and doubled in the post against Aussie big men Aron Baynes and Harmeling.

Love singlehandedly outrebounded the Cougars in the first half, grabbing eight to their seven.

Washington State starter Robbie Cowgill was scoreless in the half and finished with two.

The Cougars were 0-of-7 and had five turnovers before Taylor Rochestie scored their first field goal at 11:24, leaving them trailing 16-6. Baynes went 4-of-6 from the line for their early points.

Washington State settled down after UCLA's opening run, outscoring the Bruins 14-9 to end the half trailing 35-22. Rochestie gave the Cougars a lift going into the locker room with a 3-pointer that barely beat the halftime buzzer. He added 13 points.

Former UCLA stars Reggie Miller and Sidney Wicks attended the game, but 97-year-old former coach John Wooden had a scheduled appearance that kept him away.

Chargers

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to face such a hostile environment in the playoffs and could be without tight end Antonio Gates. The Chargers' top receiver dislocated his left big toe last week.

"Each step is harder because each team we play will be better," Turner said.

So will the Colts.

For the first time in months, it appears the Colts will be at full strength.

Harrison's return would help Manning stretch the field and create mismatches, while the defense should be buoyed by the return of hard-hitting safety Antoine Bethea, speedy pass rusher Robert Mathis and their most consistent defensive tackle, Raheem Brock.

"Obviously, you want as many regular starters out there as possible in the playoffs," Manning said. "So we'll see what happens, but we have to realize that doesn't guarantee you anything."

As the Steelers found out in 2004, the Colts in 2005 and the Chargers in 2006.

"We used Pittsburgh as the example last year, so I'm sure San Diego is using us and Pittsburgh as the example this year," Colts center Jeff Saturday said. "But once you're in the playoffs, it's a different world."

Wildcats

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entire game and the Bears were able to hang tough, even grabbing a brief lead with just four minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

This time, though, it was the senior point guard, Cassie Baroni who wouldn't let the game slip away.

She hit a big free throw to tie the score and then, on the very next possession, took her man off the dribble, put the ball behind her back with her right hand and collected it as she drove down the lane and nailed a floater as she drew the foul. Baroni converted on the three-point play to give her team the 51-48 edge which Ukiah never relinquished.

Baroni finished with 16 points to lead Ukiah and Sanderson had 11.

On the losing side of it was point guard Lorraine Etchell for the Bears who had nothing short of a tremendous game, scoring 21 points in the loss.

"I'm tremendously proud of the girls tonight," said Haralson. "Ursuline is a great team that fought us hard but we never gave in and really battled it out for this win. What a game."

The varsity Wildcats collected their third conference win and now move on to play Santa Rosa on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at home, eyeing their fourth win in conference play.

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UHS | BOYS BASKETBALL

Ukiah freshmen fall to Rancho Cotate

The Daily Journal

On Friday night, the Ukiah freshmen boys basketball team lost their first league game of the season, 38-30 to the Rancho Cotate Cougars.

From the opening tip, both teams played tough defense indicative of Ukiah's one point lead in the low scoring first quarter where the score finished at 7-6.

Carlos Budars' two three's in the second quarter spurred the Cats to a seven-point lead, however it was brief as Ukiah watched the Cougars comeback to take a 14-13 halftime lead.

The teams battled back and forth throughout the third quarter, ending with Rancho holding a 25-23 lead.

As the game turned to the fourth quarter, turnovers and missed opportunities contributed to the Cougars outscoring the Wildcats 13-7 to finish off the game with their 38-30 win.

Nate Henry led all scorers with 14 points while Alex Quiroga played a strong defensive game.

"We played good transitional defense and we didn't give them many second chance opportunities on the boards," said freshmen head coach Tim Conrad, "but we didn't take care of the ball and our free throw shooting was terrible."



photo courtesy UHS basketball

Indeed it was as the Wildcats were a miserable 1 of 13 from the line. The game would've turned out quite a bit different had the Wildcats hit even half of their free throw attempts, alas, they did not and they are forced to move on.

And that's exactly what the Ukiah freshmen boys will do as they look to get the sour taste of a loss out of their mouths as they take on Santa Rosa on the road on Wednesday evening at 4:30 p.m.

Patriots

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only one catch against double- and triple-coverage.

"They went back to the old way of covering me," Moss said. "We win as a team. I've never been a greedy guy. I'm not going to start now."

Brady hit all the other receivers — throwing for three touchdowns and 262 yards.

"When they're open like that, it's my job to hit them," he said. "They were open every time, so it's easy to play quarterback."

While Jacksonville's defense struggled to stop Brady and crew, New England's defense had no such problems against the Jaguars' one-two rushing punch of Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew. The league's second-most productive duo during the regular season combined for just 66 yards.

It was the Patriots who dominated on the ground as Laurence Maroney rushed for 122 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown.

Add Brady's on-target passing to these regular-season records — 50 touchdown passes by Brady, 23 scoring catches by Moss and 589 points by the team — and Jacksonville (12-6) became just another team that couldn't stop the Patriots.

And they're not done yet.

"Brady's been great all year," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "He's as good as they come."

Brady completed his first 16 passes before the next one went off the hands of Benjamin Watson, who caught two others for touchdowns.

The next nine passes found their targets before one went right through Wes Welker's hands with 6:46 left in the game.

"I thought he managed the team well," coach Bill Belichick said. "Of course, he threw the ball well."

One throw the Patriots didn't make may have helped the Jaguars take a 7-0 lead. David Garrard completed an 8-yard touchdown pass to Matt Jones on their first possession. He threw as he was going down while in the grasp of Mike Vrabel, and his knee might have touched the turf before he released the pass.

Belichick pulled the red challenge flag from his sock, but held on to it.

"It was just too late by the time we got a look at it," he said.

Brady tied it on the Patriots' first possession with a 3-yard scoring pass to Watson.

New England capitalized on Garrard's fumble on Jacksonville's second possession when he was hit by Ty Warren and Vrabel recovered at the Jaguars 29. On the first play of the second quarter, Maroney ran in from the 1.

But Garrard, in just his second playoff game, kept matching the success of Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP. He completed 22 of 33 passes for 278 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Garrard directed a 95-yard drive after Jones-Drew misplayed the kickoff and recovered at his own 5. With an excellent blend of passing and running, the Jaguars covered those 95 yards in 11 plays — never even reaching a third down — and tied it on Garrard's 6-yard pass to Ernest Wilford.

The Patriots then moved to the Jaguars 19, but a chop block against guard Stephen Neal set them back 15 yards and Stephen Gostkowski ended up missing a 35-yard field goal, leaving the score tied at 14 at halftime.

They came out of the locker room with trickery on their minds.

On a first-and-goal at the Jacksonville 6, Brady put on a good acting performance as he jumped and raised his empty right arm, making it appear as if Kevin Faulk had taken a direct snap. The quarterback, meanwhile, hid the ball in his left hand.

Then he switched to his right hand and found Welker at the back of the end zone to give the Patriots the lead for good, 21-14.

"I'm looking for my Academy Award on that play," Brady said. "They bit on the run pretty good."

And the Jaguars couldn't come back they way they did a week earlier when they beat Pittsburgh 31-29 on Josh Scobee's 25-yard field goal with 37 seconds left.

One of their last chances ended when Rodney Harrison intercepted Garrard's pass with 4:34 left. That gave Harrison four interceptions in his last four playoff games, tying Aenaes Williams' record for the NFL's longest playoff streak.

"Rodney's interception at the end sealed it," Brady said. "We really needed that play."

Packers

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over Washington last week in the wild-card round, the Seahawks seemed primed for an upset.

On Green Bay's first play, Grant caught a pass and fumbled. Then on Seattle's first play, Shaun Alexander plunged in from the 1.

Grant didn't do any better a minute later, when another fumble set up Hasselbeck's 11-yard TD strike to Bobby Engram.

At that point, it seemed as if only a Lambeau leap of faith would bring back Green Bay. But when the snow started to pile, so did the points for the Packers.

It was 14-all after the first quarter, and Green Bay led 28-17 at halftime.

Once Favre started to connect, there was no stopping him. Coach Mike McCarthy won in his first postseason game, leading the NFL's youngest team to the next round.

The Seahawks fell to 0-8 in postseason road games since their only win, in 1983 when they beat Dan Marino and Miami in the AFC playoffs. The losing streak includes a loss in the Super Bowl two years ago.

It remains to be seen whether coach Mike Holmgren will return to the Seahawks next season. At 59, the coach who once guided Favre and the Packers to the Super Bowl title has recently dropped hints he might retire.

If he does, his final game will have come just a block or two from Holmgren Way, the street the city named in his honor.

SCOREBOARD

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 5
Seattle 35, Washington 14
Jacksonville 31, Pittsburgh 29
Sunday, Jan. 6
N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 14
San Diego 17, Tennessee 6

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Green Bay 42, Seattle 20
New England 31, Jacksonville 20
Sunday, Jan. 13
San Diego at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 1:30 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC
Green Bay vs Dallas or N.Y. Giants
AFC
New England vs. Indianapolis or San Diego

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
Glendale, Ariz.
TBD

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 10
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	4	.882	—
Toronto	19	17	.528	12
New Jersey	18	18	.500	13
Philadelphia	14	23	.378	17 1/2
New York	9	26	.257	21 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	23	15	.605	—
Washington	18	16	.529	3
Atlanta	15	17	.469	5
Charlotte	13	22	.371	8 1/2
Miami	8	28	.222	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	27	9	.750	—
Cleveland	19	18	.514	8 1/2
Indiana	16	21	.432	11 1/2
Milwaukee	15	21	.417	12
Chicago	14	20	.412	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	25	11	.694	—
San Antonio	23	11	.676	1
New Orleans	24	12	.667	1
Houston	20	17	.541	5 1/2
Memphis	10	26	.278	15

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	22	13	.629	—
Portland	22	13	.629	—
Utah	20	17	.541	3
Seattle	9	27	.250	13 1/2
Minnesota	5	30	.143	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	25	11	.694	—
L.A. Lakers	24	11	.686	1/2
Golden State	21	16	.568	4 1/2
Sacramento	14	20	.412	10
L.A. Clippers	10	22	.313	13

Thursday's Games
Detroit 90, San Antonio 80
Sacramento 116, Memphis 113
Utah 108, Phoenix 86
Friday's Games
Chicago 100, Philadelphia 97
Washington 102, Atlanta 98, OT
Toronto 99, New York 90
Boston 86, New Jersey 77
Cleveland 113, Charlotte 106, 2OT
New Orleans 114, Miami 88
Houston 113, Minnesota 82
Denver 113, Orlando 103
Dallas 90, Seattle 70
L.A. Lakers 110, Milwaukee 105
Golden State 116, Memphis 104
Saturday's Games
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, Late
Sunday's Games
Portland at Toronto, 9:30 a.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 11:30 a.m.
Detroit at New York, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 6 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	25	15	3	53	107	99
Pittsburgh	25	16	2	52	127	116
Philadelphia	22	15	4	48	128	113
N.Y. Islanders	21	17	5	47	105	121
N.Y. Rangers	20	19	5	45	107	115

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	28	10	4	60	151	118
Montreal	22	13	8	52	135	122
Boston	21	18	4	46	110	114
Buffalo	19	18	5	43	123	122
Toronto	16	20	8	40	122	146

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	22	20	4	48	136	145
Atlanta	21	22	2	44	127	149
Florida	20	21	3	43	108	120
Washington	18	20	5	41	119	132
Tampa Bay	16	23	5	37	127	151

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	33	8	4	70	157	96
St. Louis	22	15	5	49	111	108
Columbus	20	18	6	46	112	112
Nashville	21	19	2	44	121	122
Chicago	19	21	4	42	124	134

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	25	17	2	52	122	124
Vancouver	24	16	4	52	115	102
Calgary	22	15	8	52	134	134
Colorado	22	18	3	47	120	121
Edmonton	20	21	4	44	120	133

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	25	17	4	54	134	119
San Jose	24	12	6	54	108	95
Anaheim	23	17	6	52	117	119
Phoenix	23	19	1	47	115	116
Los Angeles	16	27	2	34	128	152

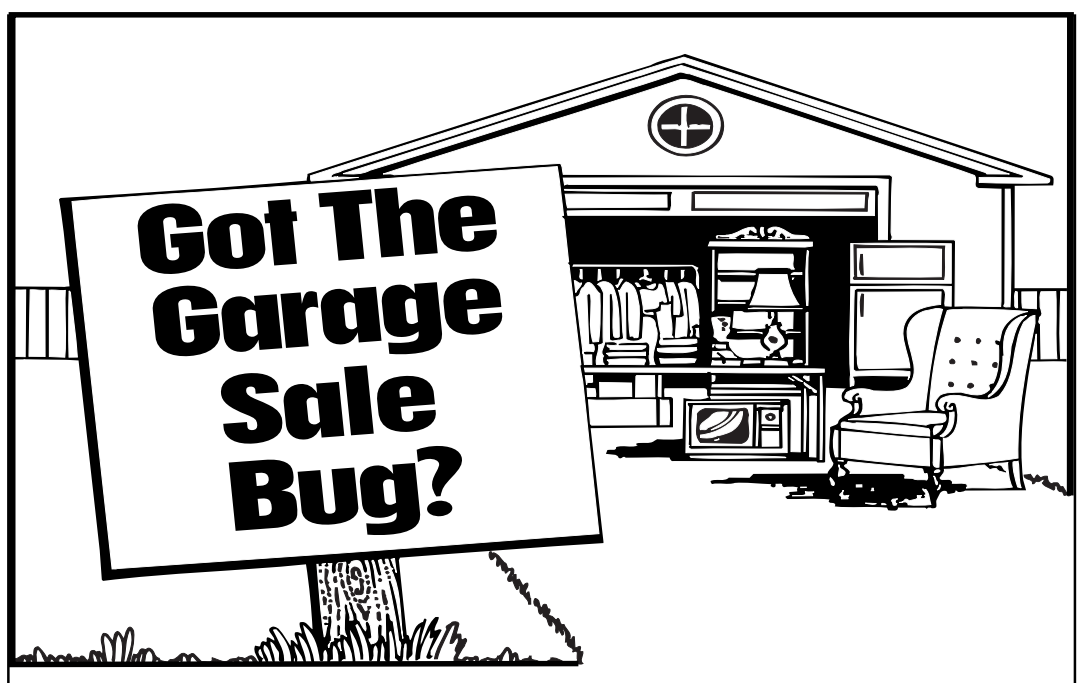
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Thursday's Games
New Jersey 4, Carolina 1
Florida 3, Atlanta 2, SO
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Rangers 2
Ottawa 3, Buffalo 2, SO
Montreal 5, Boston 2
Minnesota 6, Detroit 5, SO
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 1
St. Louis 4, Dallas 2
Edmonton 5, Phoenix 2
San Jose 3, Vancouver 1
Los Angeles 5, Toronto 2
Friday's Games
Columbus 6, St. Louis 4
Minnesota 5, Chicago 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Calgary 4, SO
Phoenix 4, Vancouver 3
Saturday's Games
Boston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 10 a.m.
Colorado at Florida, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 5 p.m.

IHL

	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Wayne	23	9	3	1	50	130	95
Flint	19	6	2	6	46	129	105
Port Huron	19	18	0	1	39	122	130
Kalamazoo	15	15	2	4	36	118	121
Muskegon	16	15	2	0	34	98	119
Bloomington	14	19	2	1	31	97	124

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.
Saturday's Games
Fort Wayne 4, Kalamazoo 0
Flint 5, Muskegon 2
Bloomington 2, Port Huron 0
Sunday's Games
Muskegon at Flint
Port Huron at Fort Wayne
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
Muskegon at Port Huron



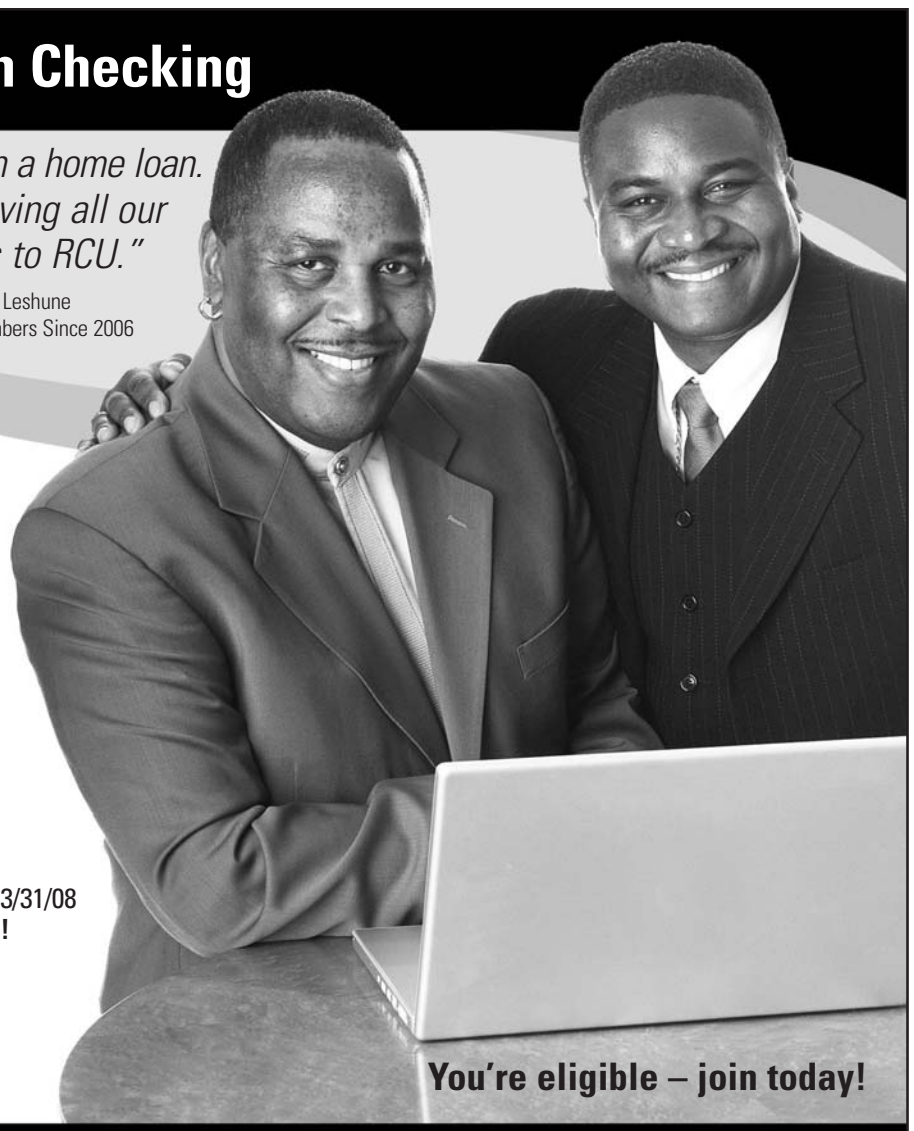
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Letters

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stress for families trying to earn a decent living and provide security for their children.

What happened to America? This used to be the land of opportunity but it's become the land of servitude to medical insurance companies. Families can't afford this insurance or to become ill. The stress of these pressures destroys hope to get ahead and live the American dream.

No, we don't need medical insurance in the USA. What we need is free healthcare for everyone ... provided by the government, which means using spending tax dollars. We're already paying enough taxes to pay for it but the money is being spent on special interests by our elected politicians. Well, it's time for this to stop.

Joy Calonico
Willits

He's sorry

To the Editor:

My name is Anthony Hernandez; in early December I made a poor decision that I am truly sorry for. I wrote some graffiti on some property on the 1500 block of North Bush. I take full responsibility and there is no excuse for my actions.

I disappointed my mother, my community and mostly myself. I know the difference between right and wrong and on that day I made the wrong decision.

I will get a job to pay back the damages I did to that property. I will also volunteer time to my community to remove graffiti from other properties that have been vandalized. I have already volunteered on Christmas Eve, delivering gifts to needy families with my mother to pay back the community I disrespected. I will also do garbage clean up at the property I vandalized, if they agree to let me do that.

Anthony Hernandez
Ukiah

Happy ending

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to thank the editor for publishing my letter about my stolen bike. I didn't think I would get it back, but I needed to vent.

Imagine my surprise when just the other day, one of my neighbors read the letter and showed up on my front porch with my bike. Apparently, whoever took it got scared and dumped it on my neighbor's flower garden.

Thank you, Joe, I couldn't ask for a better gift!

Things like this reaffirm my belief that there are a lot of great folks out there. Once again, thanks to K.C. and my friend and neighbor Joe. I owe you one!

Michael Watkins
Ukiah

It's about respect

To the Editor:

A few days ago I read an editorial talking about America and God vs. the atheist view of life. More and more the words "In God We Trust" are coming under fire. Even politicians are using God in their speeches, in their communications, etc. It is very important to recognize there is a moral right and wrong. Yet many in this country are deeming freedom the ability to dictate to others what to do because of "freedom." It is the freedom to do what is right with a conscience God gave you to make judgment calls. It is our freedom to raise our children by a set of morals. Where do we get those morals? From within? It is evident we have seen the decline in morals from individuals, the pulpit, the politicians.

Yet the simple thing is that we need a separation of church and state. However, the second part is missing, which allows the freedom of a person to express their views. The word belief simply is a set of values or principles that one adheres to. The word belief comes from the word "believe" also. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with the religion that the Mayans and Aztecs did involving human sacrifices, it was a belief. Atheism (or the belief there is no God and we cannot express one in this country) is a belief. Just remember that before we get into what started 911 in the first place. Forcing others to believe in your way of thinking. That isn't American, that is a dictatorship. And I think we have enough of those in the world already. Love your brother and sister. Reflect on what made this country strong. In God we Must Trust, but I respect your atheism belief too.

Brian Wells
Ukiah

Swimming survival class unappreciated

To the Editor:

My children are signed up for the Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) classes being offered by Krista Raimandi. The classes are being held at the Redwood Health Club in their indoor pool, and I have to say that the members of this club and of this community should be ashamed of their behavior towards this instructor. Krista has come up here from San Diego to offer her services and has been harassed daily since her arrival here. The classes are teaching children how to survive if they should fall into a body of water. So unlike swimming classes, the techniques are taught to children aged 6 months to 6 years. It is not a "mommy and me" class to get the children comfortable being held in water, it is a survival class. It gives children the tools they need to survive independently if they should sustain a fall into water.

In order to teach our children, Krista has had to explain her techniques hourly and daily to any and all groups sharing the pool area and endure glares and comments from uneducated instructors and gym members. This has led to the gym offering "body guard" type protection from its own members! Members of this gym have attacked the parents of the children enrolled as well as the instructor. It has made me ashamed to be a part of this community. A community I always felt was open and accepting. Instead of feeling supported for teaching my child how to survive , I'm being made feel as if I'm a bad parent because I'm letting my child cry in the water. My child is learning a new skill in a new environment. Should I keep my child in a walker because I don't want them to fall down while trying to learn to walk? Or should I make the area safe and give them a venue to learn?

The class has been well posted all over the gym, preparing its members about the crying from the children, which is normal during lessons. When children are frustrated, they tend to cry, and children get frustrated when they are learning a new skill. During lessons, the children are lovingly supported, continually praised and given breaks. The ISR techniques are backed by a medical board and each day the children's health is assessed. Daily medical evaluations are filled out by the parents and reviewed by the instructor. No known ISR graduate has drowned. What other swim class that you know of is as thorough?

Because of how poorly she has been received, Krista does not want to visit this community again! So her skills and techniques would be lost to us. Who knows how many children's lives she could potentially save? I have apologized to Krista several times already for the abuse she has endured, but it's not enough. As a community we need to offer an apology. This is a great community, unfortunately Krista is only seeing the worst of it. Please write Krista an apology in care of the gym. It is the least we could do for all she's trying to give us. For more information on this amazing technique please go to www.infantswim.com.

Townley Anderson.
Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

I write to you with love and care from the Buddy Eller Homeless Shelter. I'd like to thank the staff for their understanding, as well as the many churches that provide dinner nightly.

Linda Almond
Ukiah

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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:24 a.m.
Moonset today	11:03 p.m.

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First	Full	Last	New
Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 6

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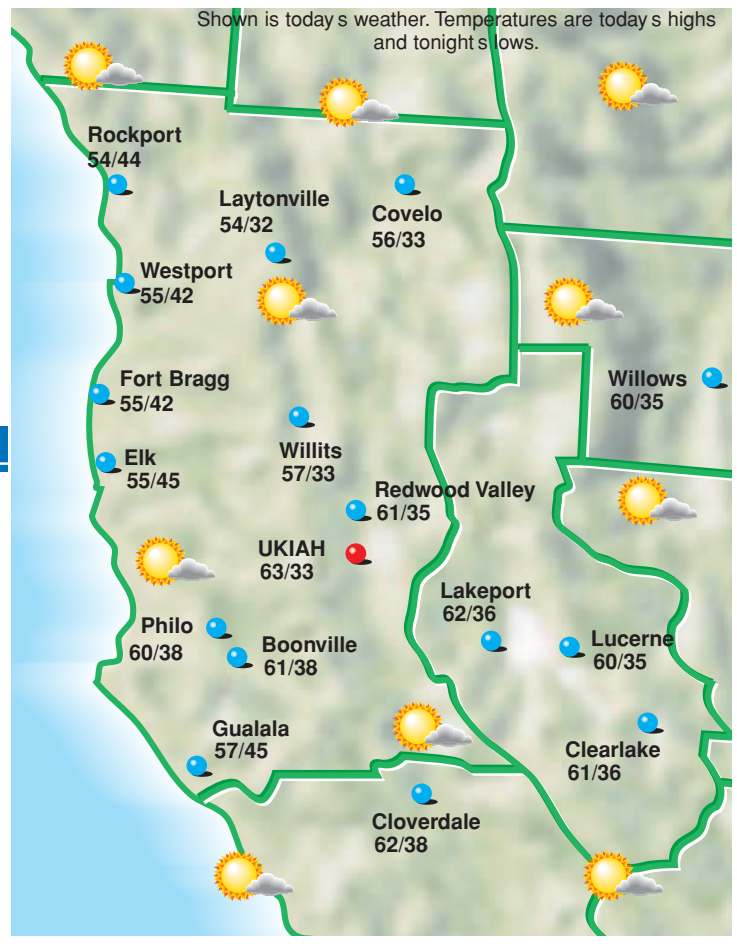
High	54
Low	45
Normal high	56
Normal low	37
Record high	72 in 1948
Record low	17 in 1949

Precipitation

24 hrs to 2 p.m. Sat.	0.08"
Month to date	6.88"
Normal month to date	2.89"
Season to date	16.51"
Last season to date	10.79"
Normal season to date	17.19"

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REGIONAL WEATHER



CALIFORNIA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	77/49/s	75/47/s	Napa	59/40/s	59/41/pc
Antioch	57/39/s	57/41/pc	Needles	67/45/s	65/40/s
Arroyo Grande	66/42/s	66/42/s	Oakland	59/41/s	60/40/pc
Atascadero	66/35/s	66/35/s	Ontario	75/45/s	75/42/s
Auburn	60/39/pc	60/40/pc	Orange	77/49/s	75/47/s
Barstow	63/36/s	62/34/s	Oxnard	74/48/s	72/47/s
Big Sur	63/43/s	65/44/s	Palm Springs	74/47/s	71/46/s
Bishop	59/21/s	59/22/s	Pasadena	71/48/s	73/47/s
Blythe	69/45/s	69/40/s	Pomona	76/46/s	75/45/s
Burbank	75/45/s	75/44/s	Potter Valley	59/34/s	60/34/c
California City	61/39/s	61/36/s	Redding	58/31/s	57/32/c
Carpinteria	63/50/s	65/50/s	Riverside	76/44/s	77/42/s
Catalina	64/51/s	65/50/s	Sacramento	55/36/pc	56/35/pc
Chico	59/37/s	59/39/pc	Salinas	64/41/s	68/41/s
Crescent City	56/39/s	55/39/c	San Bernardino	76/44/s	75/41/s
Death Valley	69/39/s	69/38/s	San Diego	68/49/s	70/48/s
Downey	76/50/s	75/48/s	San Fernando	74/47/s	75/45/s
Encinitas	67/50/s	69/50/s	San Francisco	57/43/s	60/45/pc
Escondido	77/46/s	75/43/s	San Jose	61/40/s	62/40/s
Eureka	54/36/s	55/36/c	San Luis Obispo	67/41/s	70/39/s
Fort Bragg	55/42/s	55/43/c	San Rafael	59/41/s	60/42/pc
Fresno	56/40/pc	56/40/pc	Santa Ana	74/48/s	73/45/s
Gilroy	63/40/s	64/41/s	Santa Barbara	66/41/s	66/39/s
Indio	75/44/s	73/40/s	Santa Cruz	62/43/s	64/43/s
Irvine	74/48/s	75/45/s	Santa Monica	73/50/s	75/49/s
Hollywood	75/49/s	74/48/s	Santa Rosa	59/34/s	61/33/pc
Lake Arrowhead	59/33/s	61/32/s	S. Lake Tahoe	44/11/s	46/12/pc
Lodi	57/36/pc	57/38/pc	Stockton	55/37/pc	55/35/pc
Lompoc	67/41/s	68/40/s	Tahoe Valley	44/11/s	46/12/pc
Long Beach	75/46/s	75/45/s	Torrance	76/50/s	74/49/s
Los Angeles	76/48/s	76/49/s	Vacaville	57/35/s	57/35/pc
Mammoth	52/24/s	53/26/s	Vallejo	58/42/s	58/43/pc
Marysville	59/36/pc	58/38/pc	Van Nuys	78/47/s	75/43/s
Modesto	55/38/pc	54/38/pc	Visalia	53/37/pc	52/38/pc
Monrovia	75/47/s	74/46/s	Willits	57/33/s	59/33/c
Monterey	61/41/s	66/42/s	Yosemite Valley	57/22/s	57/23/s
Morro Bay	61/42/s	66/43/s	Yreka	42/19/s	41/17/c

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Suicides

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February of 2007 at his home in Covelo. He had been employed by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office since January 1994. At the time of his death, White was still employed by the MCSO, but had not worked as a patrol officer since November 2006 and was in the process of leaving the department.

Eric Gore committed suicide Jan. 2 of this year at his apartment off Waugh Lane. Gore began his career at the Sheriff's Office 11 years ago as a corrections officer, but had once been a patrol deputy in Covelo. Two confidential sources paint a picture of a troubled career. According to sources, Gore was originally hired as a corrections deputy with one DUI on his record. He was promoted to patrol deputy but had another DUI and was sent back to corrections. When the county needed resident deputies in Covelo, Gore was promoted by former Sheriff Tony Craver to serve there. Gore had recently taken another voluntary demotion to corrections officer.

The deaths of both men have revived rumors of drinking and other inappropriate behavior they may have been involved with while serving in Covelo.

The Daily Journal has also learned that two other deputies have apparently filed complaints with the county related to their service in Covelo.

Nadel confirmed Deputy Jason Cox filed a sexual harassment complaint with the county which was denied and Sgt. Shannon Barney also filed a complaint alleging defamation of character, which was also denied. Both men have the option of taking the county to court.

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Veterans

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physical and mental health services.

"The goal is to prevent homicide and suicide," he said.

Quakenbush said a veteran who walks into the Ukiah office can see a nurse practitioner, a doctor, a social worker and a mental health expert all in the same day. He said this is helpful because some veterans have to drive long distances from the more rural areas of the county to get help.

In addition, the Ukiah office also runs a shuttle to the San Francisco office twice a day where more services are available.

Mary Oroscoe, director of work force and housing services for the North Bay Veterans Resource Center, said her organization offers substance abuse counseling, job counseling and housing assistance.

Some newly returned veterans end up in prison, Oroscoe said, mostly as the result of drug and alcohol abuse problems.

Although a large number of services are offered, Quakenbush said one problem is convincing veterans to ask for help.

Every discharged veteran gets a mental health evaluation and a lot of information about services, Quakenbush said, and many will make an initial contact and then not return.

"You might have four or five no-shows and then they come in in crisis," he said.

Chief among the mental health complaints of veterans is post traumatic stress disorder, which sometimes does not manifest until months or years after the soldier has left the military.

"Six months after you return to civilian life, your problems can start to increase," Quakenbush said.

Oroscoe said she is just now starting to see veterans from the Gulf War coming forward for help, a full 10 years after the hostilities ended.

Oroscoe said one reason veterans don't come forward is because they feel it could harm plans for future employment.

"Many want to be in the police and Coast Guard," she said. "They do not want the diagnosis."

Arnette said another reason some veterans don't ask for help is pride.

"Veterans, no matter what they are superficially, are very proud people and they don't want to admit they need help," he said.

Arnett said he and other Vietnam veterans have been functioning as an informal network, trying to encourage newly returned veterans to seek the help they need.

"We try to use our experience to convince these guys to get the help they need," he said.

"We try to show them that what they're going through is not insanity, it is a perfectly sane reaction to an insane situation," he said.

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PG&E utility worker killed while restoring power lines

Associated Press

COOL — A Pacific Gas & Electric Company lineman died while working to restore power lines damaged by last week's storms.

A spokesman for the El Dorado County Sheriff says Felipe Chavez, 31, of Stockton, was electrocuted on a power pole Friday afternoon.

Chavez's co-workers got him to the ground, where paramedics attempted to revive him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

All PG&E employees who were working on storm damage were placed on an emergency safety stand down Friday. PG&E spokesman Jon Tremayne says crews returned to work Saturday morning.

About 2.5 million PG&E customers lost their power last week when a series of storms pounded California.

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Hopland town meeting

The Daily Journal

Sheriff Tom Allman will be meeting with Hopland residents this afternoon at a community Town Hall Meeting to hear their concerns about crime in the Hopland area and to discuss other community law enforcement issues.

The Town Hall Meeting begins at 2 p.m. today at the Hopland Guild Hall.

Offenders

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sideration for victims."

Right now, Sessa said, there is only one sex offender the state is paying for in Mendocino County, living at the White Deer Motel near Willits. (There are some 180 registered sex offenders living in the county, according to the California Department of Justice Web site.)

One of the challenges for the state in finding housing for paroled sex offenders is Jessica's Law. Intended to protect children from child molesters, Jessica's Law also limits the living areas for all sex offenders, including those who have not committed crimes against children (for instance someone convicted of rape or indecent exposure). Jessica's Law prohibits placing any type of sex offender in housing within 2,000 feet of a school or park where children may congregate.

A more stringent law, previous to Jessica's Law, limits high risk child molesters from living within half a mile from a school or park. As a practical matter, these laws place large parts of the community off limits -- a good thing as far as local communities are concerned, but difficult for the state, which is also concerned that paroled sex offenders will end up homeless and wandering at large in their communities.

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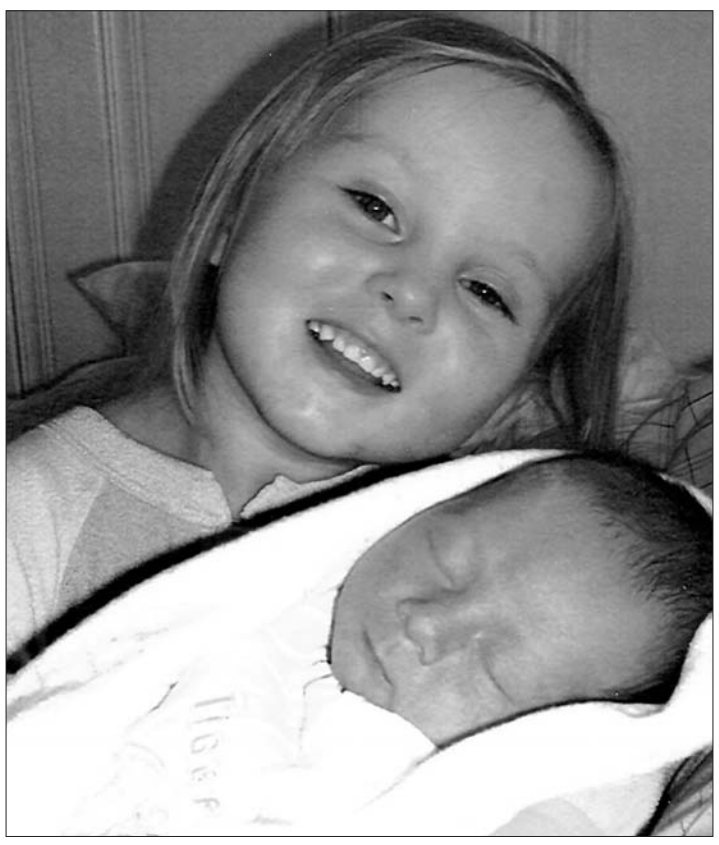
TayLynn Lilly Arteaga

Arteaga

A daughter, TayLynn Lilly Arteaga, was born Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, to Alician Randall, of Ukiah, and Trino Arteaga, of Ukiah.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

She is welcomed by her grandparents Ralf and Charlene Randall, of Vancouver, Wash.; Gayle Artega, of Ukiah; her great grandparents Ralph and Lynn Randall, of Redwood Valley; Irene and Andy Long, of Redwood Valley and Dave Brown of Redwood Valley; and her great great grandparents, JIm and Barbarba McCulloch, of Redwood Valley.



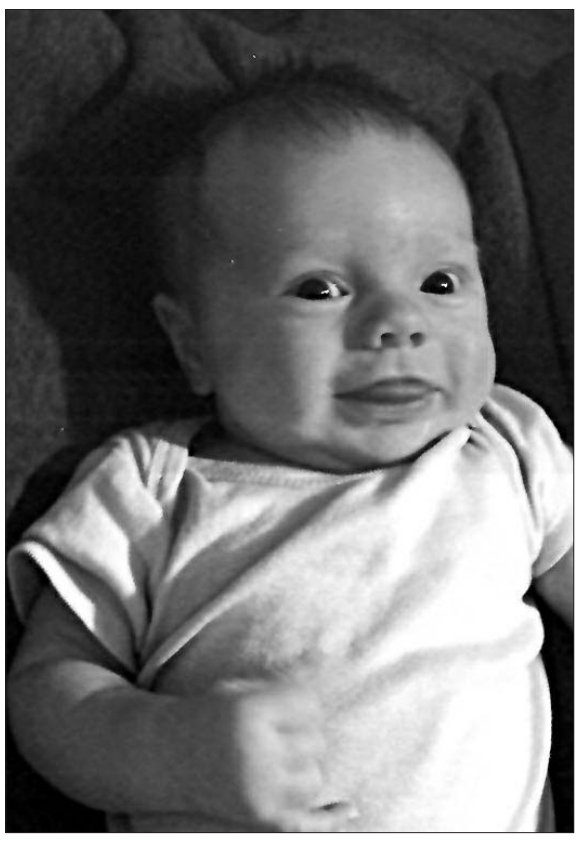
Jayden Douglas Allen Finley

Finley

A son, Jayden Douglas Allen Finley, was born Saturday, Oct. 27 to Brittany and Samuel Finley, of Ukiah.

He weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

He is welcomed by his older sister, Hailey Vincent Finley, and his granparents, Darlene Finley, and Michelle and Lyle II Vincent.



Bowie Kingfisher Carder

Boraas-Carder

A son, Bowie Kingfisher Carder, was born on Sunday, Nov. 11 to Kristin and Justin Boraas Carder of Seattle, Washington.

He weighed in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

He was welcomed by his grandfathers, John Carder, of Gasquet, and Alan Boraas, of Soldotna, Alaska; and his grandmthers, Nan Carder, of Ukiah, and Pat Johnson, of Sodotna, Alaska.

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Mora

A son, Victor Hugo Mora Jr. was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, to Courtney and Victor Mora, of Ukiah.

He weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces.

He was welcomed by his grandparents Adela Tejada, of Ukiah, and Don and Loretta Ellard, of Redwood Valley.

Duke

A son, Derek Dale Duke was born Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, to Kristin Duke and Ron Duke Jr., of Ukiah.

He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

He was welcomed by his older brother Aiden Duke, and his grandparents Sharon Beckman, of Ukiah; Ron and Lisa Duke, of Redwood Valley; and his Lori Hipes, of Arco, Idaho.

ACHIEVERS

Hopland Tribal Police Sergeant takes gold medal in archery competition

Hopland Tribal Sergeant Jim Thorsby won a gold medal in an archery competition at the Western States Police and Fire Games held in Mesa Arizona, last month.

The Western States Police and Fire Games began as the California Police Olympics in 1967 in San Diego. The competition has been held annualy for almost 40 and is governed by the California Police Athletic Federation. Every year, an average of 5000 to 6000 law enforcement and fire service officers compete in more than 60 different sports. Western Statees currently invited to participate are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Sergeant Thorsby has been with the Hopland Tribal Police Department for two years. He competed four times before, setting the state record in 2000. This year, he scored 844 points out of a possible 900 with 13 bullseyes at 60 meters.

Gualala resident graduates from basic training

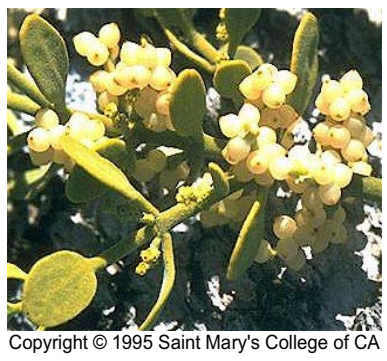
Army Pfc. Michael A. Newhall has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

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Exploring the Web of Life

with Kate Marianchild



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Species of the Month: Oak Mistletoe

Not only do we humans get to kiss under this exciting plant, but an astonishing number of other species rely on it for survival.

- The leaves of mistletoe provide a protein rich food for ring-tailed cats, chipmunks, porcupines, deer, and elk.
- Birds and small mammals burrow into mistletoe for warmth.
- Bushtits, robins, and kites are known to nest in Oak Mistletoe.
- The pollen produced by male mistletoe plants is an important rainy season food for our native bees and honeybees.
- In fall and winter the white berries on the female mistletoe plants are eaten by many local birds including bluebirds, robins, waxwings, crows, ravens, thrashers, grouse, Mourning Doves, Band-tailed Pigeons, Varied Thrushes, and Hermit Thrushes. The berries are probably the most important source of winter food for our beautiful Western Bluebirds.
- Mistletoe is a "hemi-parasite" that harms trees very slowly and should be recognized as a vital part of healthy ecosystems.
- Pomo Indians had ways of using mistletoe medicinally, though in most forms it is poisonous to humans.
- The tradition of kissing under mistletoe may come from ancient Scandinavia, where mistletoe was considered a plant of peace. Enemies could declare truce under it, and spouses could kiss and make up. May mistletoe thrive and spread!

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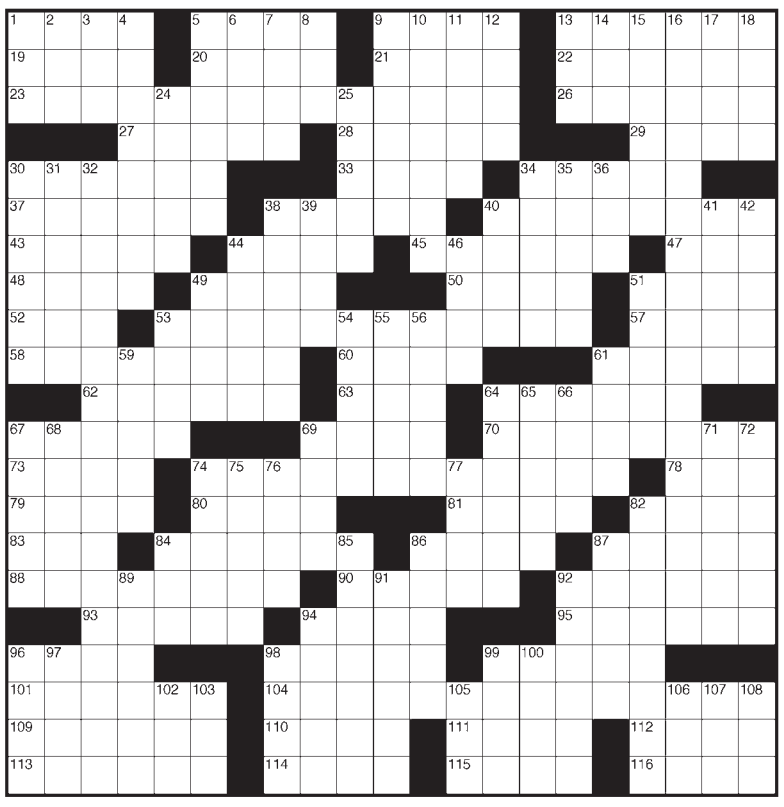
By Robert Zimmerman

ACROSS

1. Apply paint, sparingly
5. Kid, so to speak
9. Old autocrat
13. Experience again
19. Food thickener
20. "To Joy," et al.
21. Container for agua
22. Rubbed out
23. Legendary feats: 2 wds.
26. Hat style
27. Pal
28. Metal giant
29. Mosque figure
30. Big parties, in slang
33. Some intersections
34. Shoe leather
37. Bring into harmony
38. Sound of a hummingbird
40. Two that don't go together
43. Chicago cab destination
44. Hacienda hand, perhaps
45. "The — of St. Louis"
47. Rogers of the westerns
48. — noir
49. An old block may provide it
50. "I agree"
51. Digital alternative
52. Cuckoo
53. "Othello" has one: 2 wds.
57. MBA subj.
58. Wind behind a propeller
60. Long time in Tijuana
61. Stadium sections
62. Gushes on stage
63. AFL partner
64. Ancient riddler
67. Picnic provisions
69. Hockey's Mikita
70. Razzers
73. Pusher's customer
74. NRC concern: 2 wds.
78. Big bird of fable
79. Early Briton
80. Caspian port
81. Tub contents, perhaps
82. Home of the Bruins
83. Favorite
84. Harmful
86. Rebuked: with "off"
87. Tanker mishap
88. Paddy-wagon passenger
90. Japanese port
92. Drove off the stage
93. Lay to rest
94. Affirm
95. Organic compounds
96. Splinter group
98. Barbecue accessories
99. Wisdom tooth
101. Narcotic
104. Peary, for one; 2 wds.
109. One with compassion
110. Hull section
111. 1957 Pulitzer novelist
112. Syrup brand since 1902
113. Danger for Italian mariners
114. Caesar's existence
115. Needed for magic, maybe
116. Bronte heroine

DOWN

1. Morse syllable
2. Era
3. One-time Arab republic
4. Booklet
5. Playful
6. London's Martin
7. Erotic
8. Recipe abbr.
9. Leather worker
10. Deli equipment
11. Chorus members
12. Tabula —
13. Sport arbiter, for short
14. Middle of a palindrome
15. So what!: hyph.
16. Muscle builder: 2 wds.
17. Actress Miles
18. Dutch cheese
24. 1919 Broadway hit
25. Nero's tongue
30. African fruit tree
31. Goddess in the Parthenon
32. Soles on carpet can produce it: 2 wds.
34. Sound of the city
35. Taking advantage of
36. Expert in CPR
38. Considers, as a decision
39. Mesa dweller
40. Rodolfo's love
41. Pigment
42. Church music
44. Stage of development
46. Water lily leaves
49. Aristo or Demo conclusion
51. Ploy
53. Deuces
54. Saguaro et al.
55. Early computer
56. Not anybody: 2 wds.
59. Target rival
61. Microscopic
64. Kim Hunter's "Streetcar" role
65. Skinned
66. Charleston hurricane of 1989
67. Coffee serving, informally
68. Willow
69. Pleased with oneself
71. Heavy wave
72. Applies boiling water
74. Slack off
75. Old German coin
76. Dust Bowl emigrant
77. Cranny
82. Calligrapher's track
84. Clock setting in Denver
85. Convent newcomers
86. Ankle bones
87. Rope material
89. Require
91. Quiet down
92. Pitched in
94. — ski
96. Soaks up
97. DeMille film, often
98. "For Pete's —!"
99. Lead-in for bytes or bucks
100. Beasts of burden
102. — Aviv
103. Women's rights issue: abbr.
105. Crow's complaint
106. Jamie's 2004 Oscar role
107. Misstep
108. — v. Wade



Puzzle answers on the next page

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ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 14, 2008

In the year ahead, there will be ample opportunities to establish many new social relationships, and it is to your advantage to do so. Among them, there will be a few persons who can open some big doors for you business-wise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take your time to review products that you are considering purchasing, and you won't make a mistake in your choices. As an added bonus, you should be able to save a bundle in the process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You are endowed with a winning combination of conceiving bright ideas with an ample amount of energy to carry them out. However, it will be up to you to utilize this in productive ways that produce the most good.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Your instincts for spotting opportunities that spell out personal gains are particularly good at this time. Don't sit on any hunches you get about ways and means to bring home a lot more of the bacon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- With all your optimism and enthusiasm, you shouldn't have any problem getting others to rally to your cause. Use your leadership qualities to score big with something important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't be disturbed if you discover you are the hot topic of conversation with a number of your friends. You would be flattered if you could hear all the nice things they are saying about you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- One of the biggest secrets of achieving success is to give from your wants. In other words, if you want help, be as helpful as you can to others. If you want friends, be as friendly as possible to everyone around you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Something will occur of little consequence to others, but you'll correctly perceive it as a big opportunity. The fact that you recognize it will be of enormous value -- and you will cash in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Bonds of friendship can be strengthened now by showing your companions the same considerations you desire for yourself. This very simple rule is the base of all relationships that enjoy success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Although some of your time might have to be allocated to the interests of others, do so willingly and cheerfully. What you receive back in return will be more valuable than anything you could do for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- In order to be successful, you must first be convinced that what you are about to tackle is possible to achieve. Don't put needless limitations on your capabilities before you even try because that would guarantee failure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Something you are working on can be concluded to your satisfaction if you first develop a plan. Use your bright mind to figure out what it would take to produce the positive results you are looking for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't wait until the last minute to try to make an arrangement with someone you need to see. Contact the person as early as possible, and you will be successful at gaining a meeting with him or her.

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Datebook: Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008

Today is the 13th day of 2008 and the 23rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in New York's Bellevue Hospital at age 37.

In 1910, inventor Lee de Forest made a live radio broadcast from New York's Metropolitan Opera.

In 1942, the Allies announced that they would prosecute war criminals after the end of World War II.

In 1990, Virginian L. Douglas Wilder became the first elected African American governor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horatio Alger (1832-1899), author; Sophie Tucker (1884-1966), singer; Gwen Verdon (1926-2000), dancer and actress; Julia Louis-Dreyfus (1961-), actress, is 47; Orlando Bloom (1977-), actor, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2005, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig sold the Milwaukee Brewers to Mark Attanasio for $223 million.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You can only milk a cow so long; then you're left holding the pail." -- Hank Aaron.

TODAY'S FACT: In 1959, Lee De Forest won an honorary Oscar for his 1920 invention that made "talkies," films with audio, possible.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 8) and first quarter (Jan. 15).

Television series producer threatens to strike



Village Idiot

By Jim Mullen

Where do these television writers get off? That's my money they're trying to get -- money that I worked hard to get. Who has to scream at his personal assistants to get the littlest thing done, like getting me a Kennedy Center honor? Who has to worry about their Malibu house, their Beverly Hills house, their Palm Springs house and their Aspen house? The writers? I think not. Writers are lucky if they have one house. What have they got to worry about?

They don't have to find a captain and crew for their yacht. They don't have to find a chef and a personal trainer. They don't have to support a team of accountants and lawyers. That's why I get paid the big bucks. I take care of all that. That's the trouble with writers -- it's all about them.

It's producers like me that put in all the long hours trying to figure out how to take the garbage the writers give us and turn it into something advertisers will pay for. If it were up to the writers, all of television would be full of junk like "Masterpiece Theater" and "The Sopranos" instead of "Deal or No Deal" and "When Sharks Attack."

It's the producers who are responsible for what you see on television, not the writers. Think about it, who do you think picks all the writers? If I want another cop show, you're going to see another cop show. If I want another doctor show, you're going to see another doctor show. What have the writers got to do with it?

After I pay the actors, the camera operators, the set designers, the sound and lighting crew and the grips, there's barely enough left over for my limo, my pool boy and a my table at Osteria Mozza.

Who has to sleep with all the starlets? It's us, the producers. How else would we know whom to hire? Doesn't anyone remember that old joke, "Did you hear about the starlet that was so dumb she slept with a writer?" It was true in the '20s, it's true today.

I met a writer once. Ugly, ugly guy. No sense of fashion, whatsoever. I did the poor guy a big favor; I gave him the name of my tailor. Did he ever call to thank me? No. He said he wrote the part in this show for a certain actor. Can you believe that? He wanted to be in on the casting decisions. A writer! Can you imagine? He wanted some guy that looked like someone you'd meet on the street. Said it was "realistic." I told my personal assistant to burn the chair the writer had sat in. God knows what diseases he was carrying.

I don't know why we pay writers in the first place. They're always coming up with these wacky ideas that I spend my whole day shooting down, and now they want a raise? Now they want a cut of the action. I say we're doing them a favor by paying them to begin with.

Do you know what this whole writer's strike thing is about? They want to get paid for stuff I put on the Internet! They have got to be kidding. It's stuff they've already written! Do they even know how hard it is to put stuff on the Internet? I pay a team of highly trained experts to print out my e-mail every day. And that's just my e-mail. Imagine how hard it must be to put a whole TV show or a movie on the Internet. And yet the writers think they should get a piece of that? Because they put a few words on paper? How egotistical can you get?

There are millions of people who would pay big money just to meet a famous actor, and, yet, writers get to hang out with them all day long, hear their suggestions and watch them improve the crappy scripts the writers give them -- for free! Hell, the writers should be paying us, the producers. Where would they be if we went on strike?

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Shaking salt and sugar from your diet

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

It's no accident that salt and sugar permeate the nation's food supply. Both are inexpensive palate pleasers, and food manufacturers use them liberally to satisfy people's penchant for things salty and sweet. According to a recent issue of Consumer Reports On Health, the average American today consumes nearly twice the recommended maximum of sodium and nearly 460 nutritionally empty calories of added sugar every day.

Overindulging these particular taste buds can have serious health consequences. A high-sodium diet not only increases the risk of high blood pressure and subsequent heart attack, kidney disease and stroke but possibly causes osteoporosis and kidney stones (by increasing the secretion of calcium into the urine), stomach cancer (by damaging the protective mucus membrane) and asthma (by making lungs more susceptible to irritants). And all those sugar calories probably contribute to Americans' expanding waistlines.

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Unfortunately, consuming less sugar and salt isn't easy. Three-quarters of the sodium in Americans' diet comes from processed, packaged and prepared foods; even products that don't taste salty, such as breads and other baked goods, often contain large amounts. And many apparently nutritious foods pack far more of the sweet stuff than people might expect. Still, the editors of Consumer Reports On Health say that cutting back on both is possible.

• Leaving salt behind. It is recommended that most adults get no more than 2,300 milligrams of sodium a day -- the amount, roughly, in one teaspoon of table salt. People with a systolic blood pressure over 120 millimeters of mercury (mm/Hg) or a diastolic pressure over 80 mm/Hg should aim for 1,500 milligrams. The editors of CROH recommend the following tips to reduce sodium intake:

• Retrain your taste buds. Scale back the amount of salt used at the table and in cooking to reduce your exposure to the taste. After three months, most people no longer miss salt, research shows.

• Check nutrient claims. Products labeled "sodium-free" contain 5mg of sodium or less per serving. A "very low" sodium product has 35 mg or less, and a "low sodium" item contains 140 mg or less.

• Rinse your food. Running water over canned tuna and salmon, canned vegetables, feta cheese and capers can reduce the sodium load by up to 30 percent.

• Swap salt for spices. Cook with fresh or dried herbs, salt-free seasoning blends and acidic flavorings like lemon juice and flavored vinegars to bring out a food's natural taste.

• Sugar blues. Some of the supposed dietary dangers of sugar, such as that it causes hyperactivity have been debunked. And indulging a sweet tooth won't lead to diabetes; even people who have it can safely eat a sugary snack if it's factored into their meal plan. However, sugar is guilty as charged for nourishing the bacteria that cause dental cavities. And while there's nothing inherently fattening about sugar, it's probably not coincidental that the nation's ongoing obesity epidemic has progressed in step with its sugar consumption: Americans today consume 15 percent more added sugars than they did 25 years or so ago.

CROH offers the following tips for people to subtract added sugars from their diets:

• Choose sweets that contain some needed nutrients. To satisfy a craving for sweets, opt for fruit, low-fat chocolate milk, lightly sweetened whole-grain cereal, or plain yogurt flavored with fresh fruit.

• Swap candy for healthy snacks. Opt for dry-roasted nuts, air-popped popcorn or baked tortilla chips.

• Cook creatively. Experiment with cardamom, cinnamon, coriander, ginger and nutmeg, which add sweetness and flavor. Try substituting 100 percent fruit juice for honey or other liquid sweeteners.

Paying the price to stay with a broker



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

Q: I purchased your book, "The Truth About Money," several years ago and found it very educational, especially the section on municipal bonds. I did, indeed, purchase a muni bond and have received interest payments every six months.

However, several months ago, the man who sold me the bond called to say that he was leaving his brokerage firm for employment at a new company and asked if I would sign a paper to move my investment to his firm. Later, his old company billed me $95 for leaving their firm. I called the broker, telling him that I did not think that I owed the $95, and he said that his new company would pay the $95, and I assume they did.

This I do not understand. I worry that there may be a custodial fee forthcoming.

A: There's nothing to worry about. Your experience is common. Stockbrokers and financial advisers often change firms. When this happens, the adviser typically asks his clients to move with him; clients typically agree so they can continue their relationship with the adviser.

But moving means you're closing your account with the old firm and opening an account with the new firm, and the old firm is likely to charge fees for closing your account. Since you're doing this at your adviser's request, it's only fair that he pay those fees for you. But he's not legally required to do so, so you should always inquire about such fees or charges before you agree to move your account.

Q: I need your advice on a scholarship fund idea. I'm from a large family that is not financially well-off, but we have a number of very young people who, I hope, someday, will want to attend college. I have several siblings with young children, and I'm not sure that these children will have an opportunity to attend college without help from loans, family members or scholarships.

What I would like to do is start a scholarship fund for anyone in the family who would like to attend college. I would ask other members of the family to contribute to this fund and keep the fund active for as long as we have students wanting to go to school. Whatever money we put in the fund must be for school only, no exceptions -- including illness.

Can you help me with how to start the scholarship fund, the minimum contribution, how we would contribute to the fund throughout the year, tax information, managing the funds, etc.? Any information will help. If there are other options I may want to consider, please let me know.

A: I applaud your sentiment and congratulate you on your efforts to protect and benefit your family so proactively. However, establishing a foundation or trust account is unwise.

You've noted that your family's financial means are limited. If that is true, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive enough in contributions to justify the creation of the entity you envision. Also, serious decisions must be made regarding the operations of that fund. Who creates it? Who manages it? Who controls it? Who decides when and how the money is disbursed? How can the younger children be assured that the money won't be entirely spent by the older children? What if a child doesn't go to college? What if a child attends a less-expensive college? What if a child dies before college? Who's responsible if the account falls in value? What if a donor later decides he or she wants or needs his or her money back? For these reasons and more, the costs of establishing and maintaining a foundation or trust for purposes of funding a scholarship fund could easily be in the many thousands of dollars. The people involved will find themselves spending massive amounts of time, and they could be subject to criticism -- and lawsuits -- from disgruntled family members. Therefore, I recommend that you first talk about this with your family. See if they are as interested in the idea and how much money they are willing to contribute. Unless the desire -- and the donations -- are significant, each parent and grandparent would be much better off contributing to Section 529 college savings plans for each child and grandchild. These accounts are easy to establish, at virtually no cost, and are extremely flexible, both in terms of required contribution amounts and in terms of ability to use the funds for any child in the extended family.

Q: I have a debit card. I use it a lot because I'm not a big fan of credit cards. I have several credit cards but use them sparingly and always pay them off in full each month. I have been hearing more and more about the risks associated with a debit card. Which do you recommend?

A: We prefer that you use a credit card, not a debit card. Credit cards offer greater protection against theft; you don't have to pay the bill for as much as 28 days, which lets you continue earning interest on your money in the meantime. Repaying the credit-card bill on time each month helps to build a good credit history, which can make it easier to borrow in the future and obtain lower interest rates.



Frugal Living
By Sara Noel

Use vinegar as fabric softener

DEAR SARA: I've heard I can use vinegar in the laundry as a fabric softener, but how much and how? -- Megareader, via e-mail

DEAR MEGAREADER: Distilled white vinegar can be used as a fabric softener. Simply add approximately 3/4 cup to the final rinse cycle. If you have a liquid-fabric-softener dispenser feature on your washer, you can add it there. Some people use a refillable fabric-softener/laundry ball and add vinegar instead of retail fabric softener. Once the laundry is dry, you won't smell the vinegar on your clothing. You'll discover it also helps keep colors bright, prevents lint, aids in odor removal and fights stains.

DEAR SARA: I know there are many things that are cheaper to make than to buy. Is there anything that isn't cheaper to make yourself? -- Early Bird, via e-mail

DEAR EARLY BIRD: I can't make homemade macaroni and cheese for less than it costs boxed in the store. I can't sew my own clothing for less than I can buy it secondhand. Although some frugal experts claim they can make pizza themselves for less, I can't, for some reason. We can get pretty cheap pizza here in the Midwest. That said, I still enjoy making homemade pizza sometimes.

DEAR SARA: Do you buy things at a secondhand or thrift store even if you have to alter them to make them work, such as hemming or taking in the waist? -- Pat, Virginia

DEAR PAT: I don't enjoy sewing and sometimes don't have time to make repairs, so it depends. I have bought clothes that only need a button sewn on or have slight stains. My children are growing so quickly that it's not worth buying clothes to which I would need to make time-consuming alterations. I have cut pants into shorts that don't require hemming. If I were at a fill-a-bag sale, I would consider tossing in quality clothing that needs zipper replacement.

DEAR SARA: What triggers spending for you? I wonder if you struggle with spending, too. -- Jennifer, Oklahoma

DEAR JENNIFER: I don't really struggle with spending. Before my frugal days, I used to spend a lot on secondhand items for resale. That was difficult to stop even after I closed my resale business. I had to learn to stay away from garage and estate sales because buying had become a habit, and it no longer fit my lifestyle. Watching decorating shows on television would also get me twitching to shop, so I simply stopped watching them for a while. From time to time, I still get cravings for perennials, fresh flowers and houseplants. All of these spending triggers were habits that stemmed from my job. At one point, spending on these items made me money, so it was difficult to stop these habits once I changed careers and created new goals.

The turning point for me was when I recognized that all the small decisions I made prevented me from reaching my goals. Every financial decision either puts you closer to your goals or further from them. Once you focus on what you really want, it gets easier to combat spending triggers.

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Time to draw up a new will -- pronto!



Smart Money
By Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: My father-in-law is suffering from Alzheimer's. As I'm sure you can understand, he gets confused at times. For the most part, he is capable of making decisions and living normally. He and his wife (my husband's mother) have a joint ownership of their home, which is worth quite a bit of money. I'm concerned about his children from a previous marriage. They are hounding my husband's mother about their inheritance. She has made all the house payments in recent years. What are the kids' rights? Can they force her to sell the home if he has left half the house to them in the will? Is there any way for them to manipulate what the will says? -- Needing Help, via e-mail

DEAR NEEDING: Your husband should encourage his mom to see an attorney now. As long as your father-in-law is legally competent, he should be made aware of the fact that his children are making large pests of themselves. If the home is not already titled appropriately, it should be titled so that, upon his passing, the home belongs to his wife and his wife alone. A strong case could be made for the fact that she has paid the mortgage, taxes, etc.; most important, though, the will should be in her care and custody. If she can't find it, draw a new will, which makes all other wills valueless. Have it held by the attorney so that he can be responsible for carrying out your in-laws' wishes without regard to pressure from his children when he passes away.

DEAR BRUCE: My daughter is being denied an apartment because she is getting married. Can a landlord do this? -- Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: I don't know of any law that would allow a landlord to discriminate against married people. There are laws that set minimum ages, such as 55 years old and up, in order to be a tenant or an owner, but I know of no such law that would permit only single people.

Still, who needs a landlord who has to be coerced into renting an apartment? There should be many apartments in the area, and I would much rather give my money to someone who wants that money. If, however, you wish to make a case of this, call the mayor's office in your community and find out which department handles tenants' rights. I have to believe this is blatant discrimination.

DEAR BRUCE: I have made out a will and named my sister and her husband as executors. Is this correct to put one or more person as executor of the will? -- Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: It sounds to me as if you are drawing your own will, and that is a huge mistake. If you make a mistake -- and you may well have in this case -- you can invalidate the will, meaning you will die intestate. That can be far more expensive than hiring an attorney to draw a simple will right now.

You can have more than one executor; they are called co-executors. You also could include a provision that says if one passes away, the other is to be the sole executor. On balance, it is foolish to try and do this on your own to save a few pennies. While it may be a sacrifice to have a will properly drawn by an attorney, you will sleep more comfortably knowing it was done correctly.

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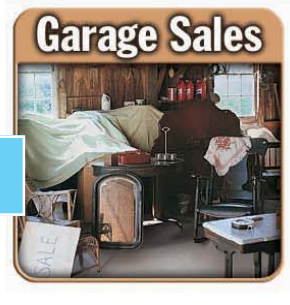












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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
CASE NO.: SCUK CVPB '08-25145

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **WALLACE M. JOHNSON**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **CARL A. JOHNSON** in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that: **CARL A. JOHNSON** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the *Independent Administration of Estates Act.* (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **1/25/2008** at **9:30 a.m.** in **Dept.: E,** located at: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Mendocino 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482**

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court *before* the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

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Diana G. Wallace, SBN 110116
Martorana & Anderson
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO OBTAIN COMMENT ON THE OCCASSIONAL APPLICATION OF LARVICIDE IN THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES

The Mendocino Partnership for the Precautionary Principle Provides an opportunity to participate in the decision making process pertaining to larval control as a preventive measure against West Nile Virus.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., staff of the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) will conduct a public workshop to review and discuss DEH's policy of larvicide application as a control of mosquito population. The workshop will be held in the Mendocino County Administrative Building Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA.

Information can be obtained by calling DEH at 707-463-4466. Written comments can be mailed to DEH, 501 Low Gap Rd. #1326, Ukiah, CA 95482, or e-mailed to morleyj@co.mendocino.ca.us. The public comment period will close 5:00 p.m. February 22, 2008.

30 LOST & FOUND

Found: Adult cat. Dec. 31, Mendocino Dr. Black tiger stripe on top, white legs & chest. 462-4227

It was a rainy day and I thought I would take a stroll in the vineyards and pear orchards on Redemeyer Rd. I got all wet and cold, so someone took me to the Ukiah shelter. I am a male, about 6 years old and am a 20 pound shaggy, curly back and grey coat. If no one comes and finds me I will be up for adoption on 1/12. Come to 298 Plant Rd or call Sage 467-6453

Lost 1/7 Decker Terrier by Buddhist Temple. 3 mos old. Reward. 391-6978

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Program Analyst - Career Technical Education
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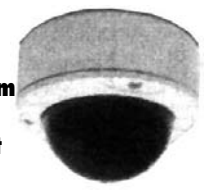
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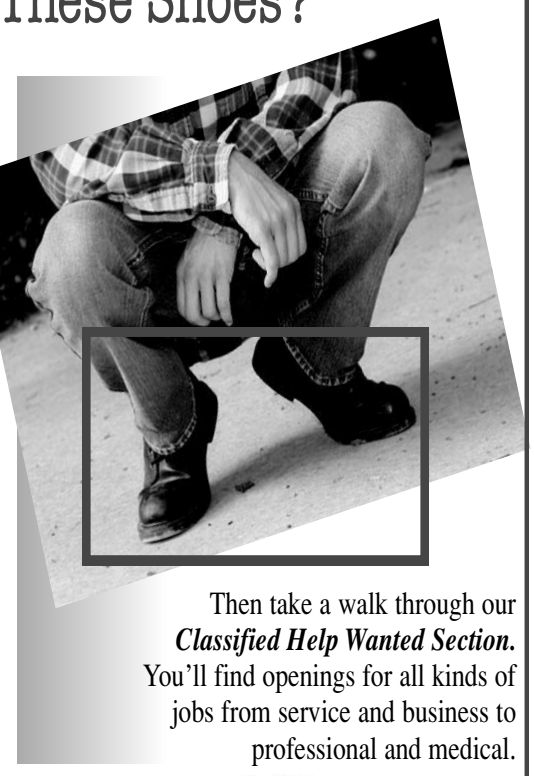




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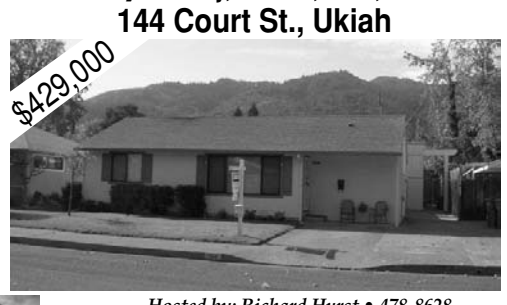
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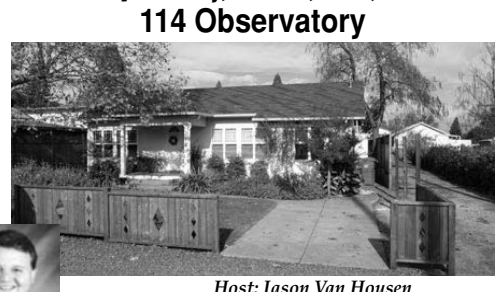
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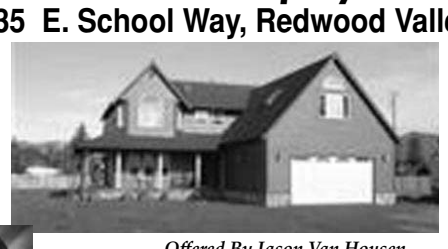




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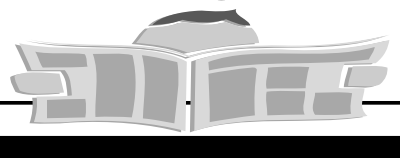




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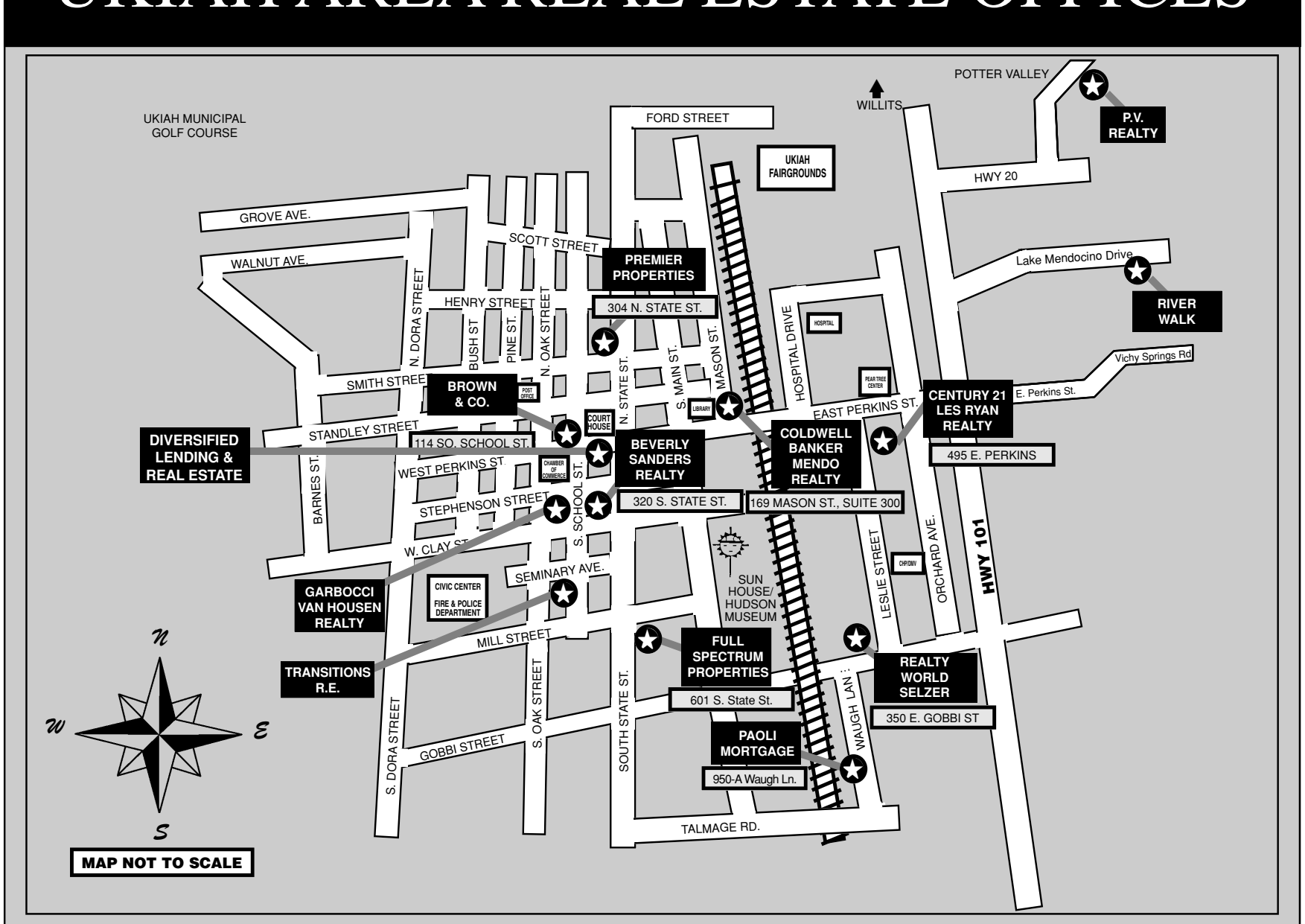
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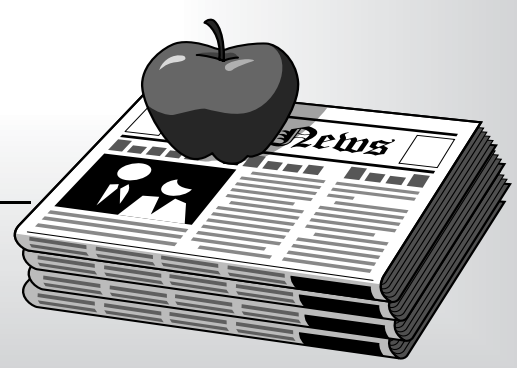
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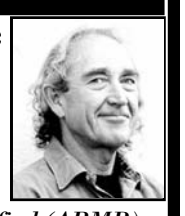
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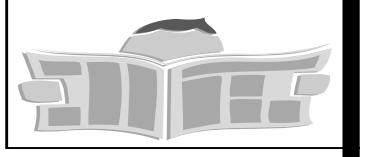
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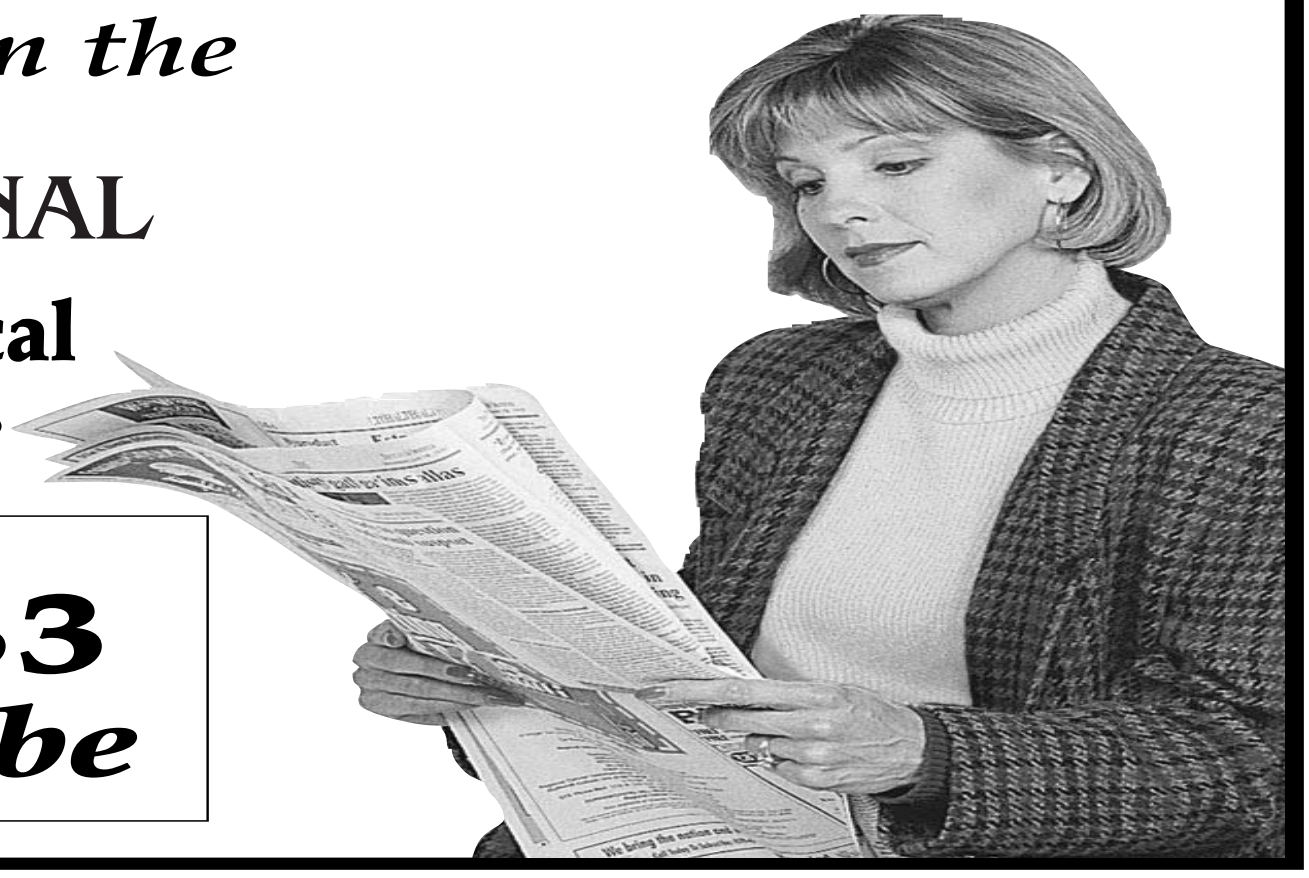
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